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Any reader is invited to take issue with what he says. Controversy revitalizes the spirit of art.

Why Rembrandt?

WHY DOES ONE buy a work of art? There are many reasons, though seldom is a collector articulate in describing the process that leads from desire to possession. But when Thomas Mitchell, noted actor and playwright, recently acquired Rembrandt's Head of Christ, a study for the Louvre's The Supper at Emmaus, (reproduced in the last issue) he knew what he wanted-and why.

In an interview Mr. Mitchell frankly gave his impression of this latest addition to his collection: "Here was a Christ of flesh and blood and soul. He was not an emaciated, lifeless symbol. Rather, I felt Him to be, at times, a militant leader. Militant not because it suited Him, but rather because of the necessity to achieve and defend his cause. Rembrandt caught an expression of a living Christ at a moment when He was stunned and resigned. It is Christ of deep sorrow."

Speaking of his contemporary works, Mr. Mitchell disclaimed any pretension to art authority, but to listen to his comments was to take issue with him. Mr. Mitchell is one of the leading actors who are collecting art because they love and understand it. To act is to take cold type, a manuscript, and to create, or recreate, a living being. After listening to Mr. Mitchell, it seems evident that contemporary artists will find but small support in the stage world unless their work "lives from the waist up." Actors like Thomas Mitchell and Edward G. Robinson spend tireless hours molding themselves to express living characters. They demand the same of artists, and they will be the first to recognize the essence of life in a painting. That, in part, answers the question, "why Rembrandt?"

The Layman Speaks

ONE OF THE UNIQUE EXHIBITIONS of the year, and one that is being closely watched by the art world, is "American Taste in Painting" which opened at the Philadelphia Art Alliance on March 27-too late to be reviewed in this issue. What makes this exhibition stand out is the fact that it was judged by a volunteer jury of non-art-conscious Philadelphia businessmen, financial and industrial leaders.

While some have criticized the Philadelphia venture because it gives the layman "too much authority" over the sanctity of art, the idea behind the exhibition is sound and it should stir nation-wide interest. Why not give the layman a chance to speak? He has suffered, endured, lied and bluffed when art, cellophane-wrapped in esoteric adjectives, has been thrust upon him. And when artists have been forced to depend upon relief checks from Uncle Sam, the finger of guilt has always been pointed accusingly at the bewildered layman. Why not encourage his interest by inviting him to participate?

From 1,200 paintings by 770 artists Philadelphia's businessman-jury picked several hundred for exhibition at the Alliance until April 5, and from them will later select prize winners. Whatever the jury's decisions-Waugh or Weberthe experiment is a healthy attempt to check art's cannibalistic tendency to feed upon itself.

Artists themselves are not always par-value judges of art. Chicago at present is the scene of an exhibition that is being

condemned impartially by both conservative and modern critics-and this show was picked by artist-jurors who in turn had been picked by the exhibiting artists.

Religion, 1940 Version

ONCE IN A WHILE a critic pens a paragraph that scintillates through the barrage of words, and is remembered, for the import of the thought is of greater significance than the occasion that generated it. Henry McBride of the New York Sun, reviewing the recent exhibition by Boardman Robinson, came up with such a paragraph and gave it gratis to the modern generation to mull over.

"The way religion can be bent to modern usages," wrote the urbane McBride, "is shown in our artist's version of Christ. He shows us a face that is bitter, worried, hungry; a face that demands something intensely. It is the face Marie Antoinette saw outside the palace gates demanding bread. Now Christ was intense, but He was never bitter, worried nor hungry, and He never demanded anything. He came to give not to get. It is the same fallacy our friends, the communists, stumble into. They want somebody else to give. They want Mr. Rockefeller to give. It never dawns upon them that the true communist-if it were possible to conceive of such an individual-would consider it a privilege to give to Mr. Rockefeller. The communists want the earth. Christ taught that the only way to possess the earth was to lose it. He was all sweetness and light and love. It was His offer of love that won mankind and it is the radiance of that divine gift that is missing from modern conceptions of Him."

This, gentlemen, is worth remembering!

What's To Do

EACH YEAR as your subscription nears expiration you receive from me a personal letter asking for a continuation of your support, and each letter, all 12,200 of them, is signed: by me—not by a rubber stamp. This because it is part of the tradition and spirit of reader loyalty that has kept the DIGEST living, and, secondly, because I like to do it. In return I very often receive personal letters from you, some pro, some con, and many containing ideas that are later incorporated into the magazine. They are my "temp stick." But among them sometimes is a response that stops me in my tracks with that all-gone feeling of arriving at a formal dinner one day early, and of such is the following letter from Carl Hoerman of California:

"Answering your invitation to extend my subscription: As a digest you are doing perhaps as noble a job as is humanly possible in this art interregnum. That is, if the business of reporting the blah, the yappings and the ignorant gush of most art critics can claim to be noble. For myself I don't give a hoot about the emanations from those quarters, parasitical growths on art that fatten on lurid publicity

"Young things write to you in defense of 'proletarian' art who neither know the meaning of proletarian nor art. Art is supposed to result from tramping swamps, yodling soup or going on a spree. No 'great' critic dares to find anything wrong with the big noises, from Picasso to Matisse and back again to Picasso. And when I listen to the dissonant bleating of the multitude of 'little ones' (to borrow from Nietzsche), I am forced to sheer admiration for men who build Boulder dams, men who DO things, who do not fill the air with vapid phrases that mean less than nothing.

"There are now as many isms in art as there are in religious forms. They vociferate about highbrow and proletarian, modern and conservative, radical and old hat, rugged and pretty, American, French, German, English art. Bewildered and obtuse, juries are drawn from the howling moderns and the cowed academic camps, not from among 'just' artists. Everybody to be appeased, but nobody is satisfied.

"That's because we've gotten away from fundamentals. Good and bad art can be defined where there is a will. And there is only good art, and that explains itself and needs no press agentry and acri-monious propagandists, and least of all the defense of children and

To date I have not been able to answer Mr. Hoerman's letter-but come Spring!



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Who's Kidding Whom?

Sin: It gave me pleasure to read an article in your March publication, "Gerald Brock-hurst, Ltd." I feel very honored that Mr. Boswell should have taken the trouble to write an article on my work; and knowing what a great reputation he has both here and in Europe, that he should have expressed his opinion so highly, "that I am one of the greatest living etchers," gives me still further pleasure.

GERALD L. BROCKHURST, New York. P.S. Having heard that Mr. Boswell is a very good looking young man, perhaps I might get him to sit for his portrait by me. Who knows! I might then even persuade him to join the Gerald Brockhurst, Ltd.

-G. L. B.

A Question of Damnation

SIR: Congratulations and many thanks for your spirited editorial, "Gerald Brockhurst, The fact that the sort of racket in which Brockhurst and other painters, including some Americans, indulge, is successful, does not necessarily mean that "America, as a nation, doesn't give a tinker's damn about

Fortunately, the society leaders are not America. Unfortunately, they are the ones who have the financial ability to become patrons of "art." Perhaps they do not realize that they are merely patrons of the art of properly belongs in the laps of the society "leaders," who are led around ballyhoo. Your indictment of America more "leaders," who are led around as though someone had a ring in their nose. The in-dictment also belongs to the newspapers, whose claim it is that they do not follow but mold public opinion.

Let's say instead, that American society leaders and American newspapers don't give a proverbial damn about American Art.

-MARTIN GAMBEE, New York

Less Politics on Art Pages
Sir: As a keenly interested follower of your editorials, may I congratulate you on your very excellent and important piece, "Contrary to the Evidence." It is gratifying to have THE ART DIGEST call attention to this example of the growing tendency to use art criticism as a political float. Can't you crusade to keep the art pages of our newspapers free from any form of electioneering?

-STOW WENGENROTH, New York.

No Ax to Grind

Sin: Glad you had "guts" enough to print what you believe in regard to foreign portrait painters of low standards-and American buyers of their products who have even lower standards. Not being a portrait painter, I can applaud honestly.

-ERNEST BLUMENSCHEIN, Albuquerque.

Wants More McCausland

Sir: Permit me to say "Hear! Hear!" to Miss McCausland's apt appraisal of the Whitney show. I hope you may continue to give us more quotations from the same critic.

-DONALD C. GREASON, Rockport, Mass.

[Ed.—Miss McCausland is quoted at length in this issue on the Philip Evergood show at the A. C. A. Gallery; page 20.]

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Lysistrata: ROBERT C. KOEPNICK Awarded Barnett Prize of \$200



My Wife & Velasquez: Kenneth Forbes Proctor Prize of \$175



Young Dancer: ABRAM POOLE, N.A.
Altman \$750 Figure Prize

The Academy Pledges New Allegiance to Its Traditional Precepts

LIKE A GIANT GLACIER that responds to decades of gathering pressure by moving a bare inch, the National Academy goes perceptibly forward every generation or two. Then it rests while others explore the trails ahead.

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Once, long after the revolutionary style of Impressionism had become a respectable manner of painting, the National Academy so moved—just enough to embrace Impressionism. Then it settled into rigid immobility. Again, during the past five years of Jonas Lie's presidency, the Academy was on the move, accepting this time the more respectable elements of the new American scene painting. There were alarums and excursions

and huzzahs for the new liberality. But now, having moved, the Academy appears once again to have subsided into its venerable immobility, its traditional worship of competence and craftsmanship.

The new stillness was echoed in the art reviewers' comments on this year's annual—114th in the series—now on view at the Fine Arts Gallery, New York, until April 11. It is a show which, "in plain and ample terms," writes Edward Alden Jewell of the New York Times, "dramatizes the precepts for which this institution is supposed to stand." Royal Cortissoz of the Herald Tribune admitted that it may not be a brilliant affair, but there is

"a quantity of serious and commendable work." Two of the critics found themselves gripped by a soporific ennui at the Academy annual. "To see it is an indulgence in sheer boredom," remarked Jerome Klein of the Post. Emily Genauer of the World Telegram suggested that the briefer consideration given to the show, "the greater the kindness will be done for the Academy."

Even the Academy itself has taken a militant stand on status quo. Defending the organization's methods of selection, its fairness, generosity, and, particularly its precepts, Hobart Nichols, the new president, deplored "the group of immature, uneducated youngsters who through our present extraordinary system of education have been encouraged to believe that they have a great message to give to the world." The Academy, he stated, "refuses to follow the fashion and to accept experimental work simply because it is experimental and different. Just because a picture or a piece of sculpture is different does not necessarily mean that it is good. For the past two decades the art world has been exploiting a deluge of inept, artificial, and thoroughly meretricious work. There has been a wild debauch of 'let Johnnie have his say'-and thousands of Johnnies have had their say. I think a very large quantity of whitewash is in the mixing."

The Academy's prize awards reflected the status quo atmosphere, too. The sixteen beribboned paintings and sculptures are all in the accepted standard of craftsmanship. Chauncey Ryder won the \$750 Altman prize

Black Panther: Wheeler Williams, N.A. Sculpture Animal Prize



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Winter Pattern: Hobart Nichols, N. A. Carnegie Prize



Wreck at Lobster Cove: Andrew Winter, N. A. Palmer \$600 Prize



Asbestos Mine: CHAUNCEY F. RYDER, N. A. Altman Landscape Prize (\$750)



Escape: Charles S. Chapman, N. A. Saltus Medal



Kinzer's Place: VERONA BURKHARD. Julius Hallgarten \$175 Prize



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Anno Domini, 1940: HERBERT M. STOOPS. Isador Medal



Fig Leaves & Fruit: NICHOLAS COMITO. Hallgarten \$125 Prize



The Deposition: Hugo Ballin, N. A. Clarke Prize of \$150



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Pot of Basil: A. DE FRANCISCI, N. A. Watrous Medal

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His Library: Soss Melik. Julius Hallgarten \$100 Prize



West Side in Winter: LAWRENCE ADAMS Awarded Mr. & Mrs. Frank G. Logan \$500 Prize

Chicago Annual Condemned as Student Show

PROBABLY the most unusual feature of the annual Chicago-and-Vicinity exhibition is its ability to provide the rare ground on which the Chicago Daily New's forthright C. J. Bulliet and the Tribune's more conservative Eleanor Jewett can walk in harmony. Usually on opposite ends of a critical teeter-totter, they came together last year to condemn the local annual and repeated this year in their whole-hearted denunciation of its 44th edition, on view at the Art Institute until April 14.

The 1940 show, made up of 232 paintings and sculptures by as many artists, does little to elevate Chicago's or the country's opinion of locally produced art, according to the consensus of these critics. Its top painting, Lawrence Adams' West Side in Winter, which

took the \$500 Logan prize and medal, was described by Bulliet as "a mere illustration blown up to size for framing," and by Miss Jewett as "trite," and certainly not of "prize caliber."

The \$300 Armstrong prize for the best oil by a woman painter went to Ruth Wilber's Corrine; the Bartels \$300 prize, to Glen Krause's Composition; the Brower \$300 prize, to Julio de Diego's The Perplexity of What to Do; and the Clusmann \$200 prize, to Raymond Breinin's The Brown Hat. The Art League's \$200 portraiture prize was taken by Christian Abrahamsen's Portrait Study, classified by Miss Jewett as one of the show's "outstanding" pictures. Eugene Karlin took the \$100 Carr landscape prize with a Land-

Still Life: BERNARD SIMPSON. Eisendrath \$100 Prize



scape. Bernard Simpson, who is a fourth-year student at the Institute, won the \$100 Eisendrath prize with a Still Life; and Harold Kramer, the Jenkins \$50 prize with Side Street.

Kramer, the Jenkins \$50 prize with Side Street, "In any discussion of the current exhibit," wrote Miss Jewett, "one treads all over the toes of Institute and W.P.A. alike. Both are copiously represented, both have prize winning artists, and both are responsible for the many pathetically wretched effusions on the walls." Like last year, Miss Jewett found only about "20 good exhibits."

Bulliet, who characterized last year's annual as "flagrantly amateurish," was equally biting and pungent this year, writing one of his two reviews under the sub-head, "Chicago Art—A Study in Eclipse." "Much of the show, including most of the prize winners," he said, "is little above the level of student work. The influences are rampant and unassimilated."

The artists, Bulliet continued, "paint out of the same set of tubes, and say over and over again what they have heard somebody else say. Originality is at a low ebb." Ninetenths of the pictures in the show, the News critic felt, belong "to the 'naturalism' of 'the American scene' that came into vogue when the federal government went into the job of producing art on a vast scale. This 'naturalism', a reaction against foreign isms, was a lazy step backward into a comfortable innocuous adaptable to the multitudes."

Bulliet named Macena Barton's Gloomy Sunday the "outstanding work in the exhibition, despite opinion of the juries." Other works to soften the Bulliet eye: Zsissly's The Harbor, Torvald Hoyer's Woman's Wish, Julia Thecla's sculptured Neoteric Head, Roff Beman's Brummit's Cornfield in Winter, Martha Berry's Beyond the Pale, Glen C. Sheffer's The Life Class and Clay Kelley's Rainy Day.

The 19 "good" paintings listed by Miss Jewett: Zsissly's The Harbor, Nicola Ziroli's Holiday Corn, Howard Thomas' Self-Portrait, Marshall D. Smith's The Goat, Flora Schofield's White Hat, John T. Nolf's The Rubaiyat, Clay Kelley's Rainy Day in San Francisco, Alice Mason's A Portrait, Lou Matthews' Empty Bowls, Benjamin S. Kanne's Mahrea and Frank J. Gavencky's Winter, Oskar Gross' Mother Earth, Richard A. Chase's Caught in the Act, Charles W. Dahlgreen's Back Porches, Walter B. Adams' Evanston Scene, Karl C. Brandner's November Hills, Claude Buck's Gossips, Carl Austen's The Yellow Curtain and Abrahamsen's Portrait.

This year the exhibiting artists elected their own jurors from two panels submitted to them. Their choices: Louis Betts, Alexander Brook and Morris Kantor (for paintings), and Paul Manship and Heinz Warneke (sculpture).

Art on Treasure Island

When the Palace of Fine Arts reopens in May at the Golden Gate Exposition on San Francisco's Treasure Island, it will house a comprehensive exhibition of work by California artists of this and preceding generations. Plans for the display of California artists, according to Timothy L. Pfleuger, president of the San Francisco Art Association, include an "active arts plaza" in which artists will be seen at work on prints, paintings, sculptures, murals and a huge mosaic of marble and granite.

The Exposition's art show will stress, also, the creative work produced by the Pacific Coast nations of Latin America. Loans of old masters and contemporaries, which will complete the displays at San Francisco this summer, are now being negotiated for by Dr. Walter Heil from private and public collec-

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MAURICE PRENDERGAST, one of America's first admirers of Cézanne and an artist who himself worked to create a Post-Impressionist art, is represented at the Kraushaar Galleries, New York, in an important show of 14 oils. At the opening of the exhibition the sale was announced of one of the artist's paintings, The Picnic, to the National Gallery, Ottawa, Canada. This oil, formerly in the John Quinn collection and later in that of Mrs. Cornelius J. Sullivan, will form part of a collection of American paintings that is being assembled by the Canadian museum (see cut below).

The paintings in the Kraushaar show extend across thirty years of the artist's life, from 1894 to the year of his death in New York, 1924. The earliest in the exhibition is a lyric scene of Franklin Park, done in dusty greens and reds, before the artist had devel oped his sparkling pointillist method. In this oil, however, the later development is latent: the frontal composition, the patterning of soft, evocative colors, the distinctive arabesque, and the mastery of pigment.

Prendergast's conception of beauty led him early into a personal style, which has an overwhelming aspect of being decorative, yet which is tightly built and distinctive of form. Nearly all of the pictures in the Kraushaar show are in this style, so heavy-tapestried with arabesques and checkered with rich colors that it is often a moment or so before the pictorial elements emerge. The oil, Central Park, is redolent with this woven color and patterning of forms, yet it contains a realistic scene organized with classic order and as stately in movement as Ravenna mosaics.

In his less patterned Salem Shore and The Cove, Prendergast takes deeper bites of nature, painting views that have solid realistic backbones. The Ottawa painting, which is not included in the present show, is in the heavily arabesqued style, depicting a group of women and swans in a landscape, all gracefully moving to the lyricism of Prendergast color.

"Sanity in Art" to Show The Los Angeles branch of the Logan-sponsored Sanity in Art organization will hold its first exhibition from April 4 to the 30th. The show will be held in the State Exposition Building in Los Angeles' Exposition Park, and will be composed of exhibits passed on by jurors F. Toles Chamberlin (chairman), James Swinerton, Will Foster, Bill McDermid and Ralph Holmes.



The Farmer's Wife (1922-23): JOAN MIRO

The Four-Fold Evolution of Joan Miro

THE EVOLUTION OF JOAN MIRO, from his early wide-eyed wonderment at the world, through his period of sharp observation and reproduction of it, to later release into the realm of surrealistic fantasy, is traced in an exhibition at the Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York, on view until April 6.

With 14 oils spanning the period from 1918 to 1925, the Spanish artist is seen evolving his personal style and vision under the influences of the Fauves, particularly Van Gogh; the ancient Catalonian frescoes of his native land; and finally his own poetic nature. In the foreword to an elaborate catalogue, Miro writes about the struggle he underwent to keep body and soul together during this period, striking at one point an incident that is tops in poverty-for-the-sake-of-art.

Speaking of the early days, Miro says matter-of-factly: "Those were hard times. . . . Since I was very poor I could not afford more than one lunch a week: the others days I chewed gum.

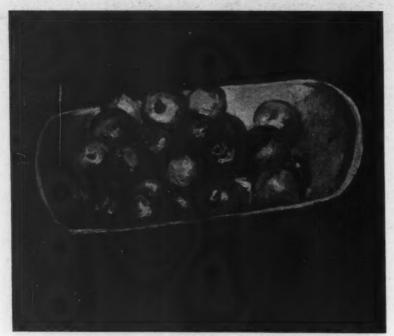
Four of the paintings in the exhibition reveal the four stages of growth from a young unknown artist to one claimed by the Surrealist school. In the Portrait of a Chauffeur, 1918, the influence of Van Gogh is paramount, yet the inherent fantasy reveals itself in the inclusion of a picture of a "horseless buggy" hanging on the wall. The influence of Catalonian primitives is seen in The Farmer's Wife, 1922-23, a low-keyed, crudely drawn painting in which forms are projected with compelling reality and annoying presence, particularly the figure of the cat. Phantasy again is evident.

The third painting in this evolution, The Labored Land of 1923-24, shows the artist's love of the earth (he owns a farm in Catalonia) and the forms of nature, which by this time are taking on brilliance and clarity. The seemingly scattered and fantastically drawn elements in this landscape are each endowed with those thin hair-like feelers by which they propel themselves through nearly any Miro abstraction, like ciliated protazoas under a microscope.

In the Carnaval d'Arlequin, 1924-25, Miro has reached his developed surrealist stage, picturing his world as one peopled with squirming, infinitely-varied little forms, with all of nature depicted in symbolic movement,

The Picnic: MAURICE PRENDERGAST. Col: National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa





Apples in Wooden Boat: WALT KUHN (Oil)

Nebraska Buys Twelve Living Americans

OUT OF ITS FIFTIETH consecutive annual exhibition of American painting—one which was locally hailed as the "best to date by far" the Nebraska Art Association has sent to the F. M. Hall Collection of the University of Nebraska twelve works by ten American artists, representing a total valuation of \$6,000. The group includes oils, watercolors, drawings and prints.

With the new purchases the Hall collection steps into the forefront of endowed national American collections such as the Hearn (New York), the Lambert (Philadelphia), and the Dill (Denver) funds. The paintings were selected with the aid of an advisory body comprising Meyric Rogers of the Chicago Art Institute and Muriel V. Sibell, head of the art

department of the University of Colorado.

A simple yet vigorous still life, Apples in Wooden Boat, by Walt Kuhn; a romantic interior, Midnight, Version No. 2, by Hobson Pittman (reproduced in 1st March DIGEST); Afternoon Skiing by Zoltan Sepeshy (reproduced in 15th Feb. DIGEST); and Portrait of Doris Lee, by Arnold Blanch, are the oils that were purchased. One of George Grosz' recent Cape Cod watercolors; Clarence Carter's watercolor of Barbed Wire; Peggy Bacon's pastel, Winter Sport; two John Sloan etchings, Turning Out the Light and Night Windows, and his drawing of Robert Henri; a drawing by Guy Pene du Bois, Model in Bed; and a walnut carving, Figure Study, by Joe Taylor complete the purchases.

Both the Kuhn and Pittman oils are recent works which have not been exhibited in New York. The painting by Sepeshy and the pastel by Peggy Bacon, as well as other items, have been exhibited in New York, the former at a recent one-man show at the Midtown Gal-

Sloan Aphorism

"I have always said that sculpture was bad drawing that you could hurt yourself on in the dark."—John Sloan in Herald Tribune.

Barbed Wire: CLARENCE CARTER (Watercolor)



Why the Independents

THIS YEAR'S Independents show, opening April 19 at the Fine Arts Society Gallery in New York, will round out 24 years' activity by the famous society. It will probably mark a repetition, too, of an annual question which critics have been asking in recent years, "Has not the Society of Independent Artists outlived its usefulness?"

John Sloan, president of the organization, has a vigorous, pungent "No" to that ques-tion. For each of the years since 1917, he points out, the largest number of American artists exhibiting together have sent to the Independents-annually up to two thousand artists-in order "to show their work to the public without benefit of juries, prizes or

government subsidies."

Writes Sloan: "Among some artists-and most critics—the idea still persists that a painter or sculptor can consider himself especially honored when his work passes a jury. This is just as dangerous a delusion today as it was twenty-four years ago when the Society of Independent Artists was founded. Although it has become the fashion now to laud 'tomato-can' art—as against the 'ashcans' of yesterday-it still remains true in painting, as in public affairs, that an opinion backed by the majority is suspect.

"It is also true that although the last quarter of a century has seen the rise of mushroom galleries all over the country, like Job's gourd, in the morning they flourish and grow up; in the evening they are cut down,

and wither.

When the first exhibition of the Society was being prepared in 1917, this country was moving towards its entrance into the First World War. Up to the last day many of its friends urged postponement; some of them have been urging it ever since.

"But it was opened, and in the very month that war was declared. Before that exhibition closed, 20,000 people had come to see what American artists had to say about a world tumbling about their ears-and stayed to pur-

chase 45 paintings.
"The directors of that first show—the president, William J. Glackens, Walter Pach, the chief organizer and its director from that day to this, Charles E. Prendergast, George Bellows, Homer Boss, Katherine S. Dreier, Marcel Duchamps, Regina A. Farrelly, Arnold Friedman, Charles W. Hawthorne, Rockwell Kent, John Marin, Man Ray, Maurice Sterne, among others-might have claimed omnipotence in recognizing that practically every name of brilliance a quarter of a century later would hang on the walls of that first exhibition. Actually they had no such thought. There were two objectives and they still exist: to hang any work submitted, and to give the public the opportunity to see not the work of one man, or a homogenous group of men, but the direction that American art is taking.

The most pressing question today to a thoughtful artist, writes Sloan, is this: Are there any independents left. "Can an artist whose garret-and-bread is guaranteed by government or otherwise, maintain any freedom of expression? Are there artist pressure groups

which stifle expression?

'It is not so much because of sales to be made or reputations to be increased that artists need this exhibition; its essential success has always depended on its being a channel, often the one channel, through which the artist may have freedom of expression. But the public needs this exhibition, too. It offers a challenge to the man or woman who has the courage to discover for himself what is good-not what is being talked about-in art of today." **Grand Rapids**

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ARTISTS FROM 46 STATES submitted more than 1,500 entries to the first national exhibition to be sponsored by the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Art Gallery. On view through March, the annual comprised 225 exhibits accepted by jurors Zoltan Sepeshy and Clarence H. Carter, together with 55 displays by nationally known artists who were invited to participate. The show represented a concentration of work being done in every section of the country and was studded with the brightest names in contemporary art production.

Constance Rourke, Otto Karl Bach and

Constance Rourke, Otto Karl Bach and Francis P. Robinson, acting as the jury of awards, selected the eight canvases, water-colors and prints which were purchased out of funds provided by Grand Rapids' Friends of American Art. Their choices were two oils: Stanford Fennelle's The Farm and Ruth Grotenroth's Farmer and His Wife; one tempera: Wadsworth Bissell's Church at Ojus; three prints: Eli Jacobi's The Card Players, Jenne Magafan's Adobe Ruins and George Jo Mess' Ed Luckey's Farm; and two watercolors: Edward Lewandowski's Corn and Zoltan Sepeshy's December.

Sepeshy, with this museum purchase, continues a season in which he has enjoyed mounting recognition. His Morning (March 15, ART DIGEST) was acquired last month by the St. Louis City Museum, and his Afternoon Skiing (Feb. 15, ART DIGEST) was bought by the University of Nebraska out of its current annual. In addition, the Toledo Museum, which last year purchased his Sandscape, is giving him a one-man show during April.

Besides the Grand Rapids purchases, the jury named Louis Guglielmi's oil, El Station, Anita Weschler's sculpture Air Raid and Copeland C. Burg's oil Flowers and Fruit as recipients of special awards of merit.

Glimpses of France

While awaiting a shipment of Soutine canvases from war-disrupted France, the Carstairs Gallery, New York, is presenting a group show by modern French artists. On view through April 13, the exhibits range from 19th-century Manet to the contemporaries Dufy, Derain and Dietz Edzard. The Manet, a forceful picture of boats being beached, was included in last month's notable Impressionist show at the Los Angeles Museum. Sisley's glowing Moret at Sundown, painted in 1888, is suffused with close-of-day calm that sills the foreground river to a gleaming sheath. There are two examples of Monet's painting

There are two examples of Monet's painting with light, Haystacks and La Neige Argenteuil, the latter a village street under a blanket of snow. From Renoir's magic brush is a small landscape of a chateau nestling in a frame of foliage. The swift, calligraphic Dufy is represented by scenic studies and Derain by a solidly constructed new landscape, Grand paysage de Lecques.

How'd You Know, Comrade?

"Henry McBride's vicious bookburning attack on the Whitney Museum exhibition of Federal mural sketches has aroused many art lovers and letters of protest are coming into the New York Sun's editorial office from many unexpected quarters. Even Peyton Boswell, reactionary editor of Art Digest, is taking issue with Mr. McBride. Mr. Boswell's brand of reaction is for the Section of Fine Arts, which organized the show at the Whitney Museum, because he believes that the government should sponsor art to use it for reactionary purposes." —Oliver F. Mason in the Daily Worker.



Rembrandt: REMBRANDT Lent by Mrs. P. M. Warburg



Rubens: RUBENS'
Lent by W. R. Timken

The Old Masters as They Saw Themselves

Self-portraits provide almost as intimate a glimpse into the inner nature of artists as do their working sketches; and the self-portrait show, on view through April at New York's Schaeffer Galleries, constitutes a fascinating array of windows opening into the noted exhibitors' intimate visions of themselves. In the 35 exhibits, presented for the benefit of the Publication Fund of the College Art Association, master artists of the past set forth their individualities and also those traits and techniques which made them part of their respective schools and integrated them into the flowing stream of art history.

The portraits span more than three centuries and include likenesses of men who were landmarks in the art history of Italy, Germany, Holland, Flanders, Spain, France, England and America. Thirty-five are on view, ranging from the studied, Baroque self-portrayal by portly Gerard Dou, to the hurried, broken-colored portrait of Lovis Corinth, the German 20th century expressionist.

Bridging the chasm between the two is the thread of art history, carried from generation to generation, and from nation to nation by the subjective studies of Rembrandt, Rubens and Van Dyck of the Lowlands, Reynolds and Lawrence of England, Smith and Trumbull of

America, Goya of Spain, and a notable group from France, including de la Tour, Greuze, David, Vigee-Lebrun and Gros, and their innovator-successors Manet, Degas, Cézanne, Gauguin and Renoir, who bring the exhibits down to the present century.

The Renoir, reproduced on the cover of this issue, reveals in luminous color the sensitive features of a young man who was to rise to the heights. Bearded Cézanne looks out searchingly from his niche, his features and floppy straw hat painted with the studied economy that marked all his canvases. The fiery Spaniard, Goya, stressed his robust, intense nature, saw and painted himself with adroit strokes as a husky, sharp-eyed individual.

The naturalism, reserve and solid painting that the English patrons of the 18th and early 19th century preferred are concisely combined in Sir Thomas Lawrence's study of himself. The Dutch favorite of the English court, Van Dyck, set down his cavelieresque features with courtly deftness in a canvas that has belonged, among other collectors, to two English kings, Charles I and James II.

Matching the aristocratic suavity of the Van Dyck but more alive in spirit is the self-portrait by Van Dyck's master, Peter Paul Rubens, one of the few canvases that he painted of himself. The giant Rembrandt, on the other hand, produced a stream of self-studies, two of which are in the Schaeffer show. One is the Laughing Self-Portrait, the other an early work in which the artist saw himself as a serious, poised young man.

Typical of the aesthetic history sketched-in by the show is the almost complete domination by men. Only two women are included: Elisabeth Vigee-Lebrun of France and Judith Leyster, the Dutch woman who was one of the most talented of Frans Hals' pupils.

Petrovic Sings and Sketches

Milan V. Petrovic, Serbian-born American, follows the kindred arts of painting and music. As a baritone he has been the featured tenor of the Russian Opera in Paris. Now an important part of his concert tours is the sketching in which he records the places he visits. The latest of these watercolors are on view, through April 13, at the Newhouse Galleries in New York. His paintings are well composed and compounded of washes suffused with a clarity that authentically captures the crystalline atmosphere of his New Mexico views.

Lawrence: LAWRENCE
Lent by William Rosenwald





Buste de femme, corsage ouvert: RENOIR

Four Immortals, After Death, Aid La Patrie

FOR THE BENEFIT of the American Friends of France the Durand-Ruel Galleries, New York, have organized an exhibition around "Four Great Impressionists," presenting one of the outstanding group shows of the season. Five pictures each by Cézanne, Manet, Degas and Renoir comprise the loan show which is notable for the inclusion of several excellent works new to the New York public.

The show may be viewed for 50 cents (students allowed free on Monday and Tuesday forenoons), with proceeds going to aid the cause of the great artists' native land, now threatened by totalitarian aggression. The galleries themselves have been affected considerably by the war; its parent branch in Paris is closed, the stock of paintings now deposited in New York and in the South of France; and the firm's two members are engaged at the front in aviation and liaison.

The exhibition is one with interest for all. One of the very best Degas pastels of dancers, in the opinion of several connoisseurs, is the Danseuses of 1879. This "angle-shot" position is a sparkling view of several seated ballerinas and the legs of others who are not in the picture. Light has taken up the dancing movement of the weary ballerinas, flicking through the scene to catch the array of firm legs and to snuggle into the surfaces of fluffy skirts. For those who prefer Degas' oils there are three important examples.

The Manet pictures are dominated by Chemin de Fer, 1873, lent by Horace Havemeyer, which, together with the black La Dame au Gant, of 1860, can tell American artists nearly all they need know about how to put on paint.

Cézanne is represented by a landscape, a self-portrait and three still lifes. The former picture, done near Oise around 1880, is a sketchily conceived oil with all the elements of the artist's constructivism, which is echoed again in the head of himself. The richest of the still lifes is the Cerises et peches, 1883-87, in which Cézanne turns up as a painter with complete assurance of himself, an attitude the books say he never had. Here he proudly shows the world how well he can paint a white cloth.

The star is Renoir, with three nudes, a beautiful still life of some onions, and a figureand-flower study. His 1885 Baigneuse done in pale flesh color, heavy impasto and a definite linear emphasis is one of the artist's outstanding canvases. A painting new to New York is Renoir's Buste de femme, corsage ouvert, of 1907, which is in the artist's developed style, a figure of a buxom young girl that sings with color.

Four great painters would perhaps be a better title to the show for, as Edward Alden Jewell of the New York Times points out, not one of the four was strictly an Impressionist in its narrow sense. But Impressionists or not, that the four were among France's greatest is amply illustrated in their posthumous benefit performance.

Gives 36 Sculptures

THIRTY-SIX PIECES of modern sculpture have been given to the Museum of Modern Art by Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who is a trustee and whose son, Nelson Rockefeller, is president of the institution. All but two of the pieces are from Mrs. Rockefeller's private collection, which has been more than two decades in the making. One of the sculptures, a Modigliani head, given in memory of the late Mrs. Cornelius J. Sullivan, is termed "possibly the finest" piece by this painter-sculptor.

Several of the greatest 20th century sculpB

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tors are represented in the generous gift: Maillol by four bronzes; Lehmbruck by three pieces, of which one is his colossal Standing Youth; Despiau by five sculptures; Lachaise by seven; and Kolbe by three. In addition to the Modigliani piece, there are sculptures by two other artists known primarily as painters, Matisse and Daumier.

Following is a complete list of the works, nearly all of which are on exhibition now in the museum's spacious sculpture gallery and garden:

Bourdelle. The Sphinx (bronze); Daumier, Portrait Bust of Guizot (bronze); Despiau. Madame Othon Friesz (plaster). Dominique—Mille. Jeanes (plaster). Jeune Fille Des Landes (No. 4) (pewter). Jeune Fille Des Landes (original plaster). Portrait Head (plaster), Seated Fouth (bronze); Duncan Ferguson, Cat (bronse). Squirrel (bronze). Mimi (plaster); Kolbe. Portrait of Dr. Valentiner (bronze). Seated Figure (bronze). Crouching Figure (terra cotta). Standing Woman (bronze). Also. Gaston Lachaise. Woman S'anding (plaster). Woman Standing (bronze). Equestriesne (bronze). Equestriesne (bronze). Head (granite). Woman Walking (bronze); Lehmbruck, Head (terra cotta). Torso (gray terra cotta); Maillol, Standing Figure. Nude (bronze). Head of Young Girl (bronze). Bust No. 1 (bronze). Standing Woman (bronze): Gerhard Marcks, The Runners (bronze); Matisse. Standing Woman (bronze): Reuben Nakian, Seal (bronze); Francois Pompon, Duck (bronze); William Zorach, Cat (granite). Wilhelm Lehmbruck, Standing Youth; Amadeo Modigliani, Head (stone) (given in memory of Mrs. Cornelius J. Sullivan).

Salmagundi Prizes

The Salmagundi Club's watercolor and sculpture show, which closed March 29, was composed of almost 100 exhibits, the watercolors outnumbering the sculpture pieces five to one. The three \$50 prizes which the Club annually offers were awarded to Syd Browne's The Cathedral, Cuernavaca (Samuel Shaw prize), Herbert B. Tschudy's Night Workers (Joseph Isidor prize), and Ogden Pleissner's

The River Wagon (Albert H. Sonon prize).

Carlyle Burrows of the Herald Tribune named the sculpture exhibits of Jeno Juszko and F. W. Hutchinson as the best in that section, and selected as watercolors "well above the unexciting average," the exhibits of Tschudy, Andrew Winter, Eugene Higgins and Harry Leith-Ross.

April 7 Is the Deadline

Last minute visitors may see the exhibition of Italian Masterpieces at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, until 10 P. M., on April 7. The show is such a hit that Variety, the famous Broadway vernacular trade journal, is listing it these days as on the "big time." Visitors are reminded that the museum is open evenings until ten (including Sun-days), and that the evening hours are the least crowded.

Henri Verne Retires

Henri Verne, famous director of the National Museums of France, has retired from that important post. Jacques Jaujard, assistant director, is now in charge.

Bufano's Pink Slip

Beniamino Bufano, controversial San Francisco sculptor who gets embroiled in something or other every once in a while, was "fired rapidly and even enthusiastically" from the Federal Art Project recently, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. The official reason given for his discharge was the unreasonable length of time he was taking on one project and the large amount of money it was costing the Government.

"But gossip has it that a deeper reason inspired the action of the F.A.P. chiefs," the Chronicle continues, "This deeper reason, it is said, was that for a model on a heroic frieze intended for decoration of a high school athletic field Bufano used—the figure of Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast C.I.O. leader!"

For the past three years Bufano has been working on a "Frieze of Athletics," 185 by 12 feet, for the new field of the George Washington High School, and preliminary sketches were approved by the various commissions. "Recently," says the Chronicle, "rumors spread that Bufano was straying out of the narrow limits of sports for his models. One figure of an heroic figure hurling a javelin in the general direction of a bull was particularly scrutinized by all observers.

"Bufano is said to have admitted he had chosen Harry Bridges as the model for this figure, and although there was no official action taken there was plenty of head-wagging and gossip in educational and City Hall circles."

Kuhn's One Painting Show

Concluding a successful "one-painting exhibition" at the Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, the large canvas by Walt Kuhn, Trio, which was first exhibited at this season's Whitney Museum annual, is now on view at the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery, Kansas City, where a special installation and lighting has been given to this impression of three acrobats (cover, Jan. 15, The Art Digest). At the Nelson Gallery, the powerful painting, which bids fair to become "the painting of the year," is installed at the end of a 200-foot vista. Kansas City is already familiar with the work of Walt Kuhn from his Blue Juggler, which hangs in the permanent collection of the Nelson Gallery, a gift of the Friends of Art.

When shown at the Whitney Museum, Trio evoked considerable acclaim from critics and varying reactions from the public. Among the recorded comments made before the picture in New York were: "It can't be good, the clown isn't funny." "It would please me more if the artist had put more circus glamor and tinsel into the picture." "I don't like that kind of red."

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Likes What He Can Touch

The layman likes art that titillates his sense of touch, judging from his comments on popular prize ballots at the Clearwater Art Museum's fourth annual exhibition. Andrew Wyeth's tempera, Black Hunter, won the prize, edging out, in this order: Luigi Luconi's Antiques, Paul Sample's Lamentations, Peter Hurd's Rancho del Charco Largo, Robert Brackman's Chita, and Jerry Farnsworth's Carrol

"I feel I could reach out and touch it."
... "He looks as though he could speak."
... "They look as though I could pick them
up," are representative comments by the public, according to Henry Taylor, the Clearwater director.



The Crucifixion: GIOVANNI BATTISTA TIEPOLO

Tiepolo Crucifixion Bought by St. Louis

A DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION of the world-shaking scene that took place on Calvary, by one of the most able dramatists of the 18th century Venetian school, has entered the City Art Museum of St. Louis. The painting, The Crucifixion, by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, was acquired through the Knoedler Galleries of New York at the price, reported in the St. Louis Star-Times, of \$11,000.

Painted probably between 1755 and 1760, the 31" x 34" picture illustrates Tiepolo's brilliant craftsmanship, his facile mastery of composition, draftsmanship and sparkling color.

The cruel drama of the Crucifixion is conceived by Tiepolo in the St. Louis painting as an exciting moment with crowds milling around the three crosses on Golgotha, a strong

light falling on the stretched crucified figure of Christ. The mourning, hooded Virgin stands before Him, while behind her, the Magdalen kneels at the foot of the cross. The Centurion, astride his white horse, rides across the foreground.

Emotional emphasis in the painting is achieved by the sharp patterning of light and shadow and the nervous agitation of the grieving forms, more than by any insistence upon macabre details. The leaden tones of the sky, with contrasts of silvery highlights, roll across the background to suggest the supernatural aspects of the scene. Throughout the entire picture the artist's command of drawing has resulted in a sustained and moving expression of anguish, grief, and power.

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Morning in Macassar: George Parker

George Parker Holds First Show in Decade

New York last saw a one-man exhibition by George Parker ten years ago, back in 1930 at the Durand-Ruel Galleries. The intervening decade has been an active, developing one for this progressive American artist, and the results from the point of aesthetic experience may be viewed on the walls of the 460 Park Avenue Gallery, until April 15-paintings that run the range of inspiration from the dreamisland of Bali to the humble wash of a New England housewife on Nantucket, from East River to Celebes. Living to Parker is filled with emotional experiences, intense and exciting, and these canvases represent, through characteristic individuality of expression, his awareness of the changing drama of contemporary life.

Color, sensuous and richly orchestrated, is Parker's chief vehicle of expression—to capture the luminosity of light and the saturation of shadow, to interpret imaginatively a pictorial fact or catch the rhythmic movement of form. "Colored pigment is not color," says Parker. "A picture is finished only when it assumes life, movement, spirit, and a perfection of rendering; when it has expressed

beautifully the emotional experience of the artist. It is the purpose of painting to arouse human emotion."

The present show, while not a retrospective, supplies a full-length portrait of a sensitive artist who found himself only when illness sent him to a sanitarium at Saranac Lake. After Rain, Bali, a street scene after a tropical shower has cooled the heated atmosphere, is typical of Parker's use of pigment, with the greens touching a symphonic note. With the accent on the greys, Dawn, Nantucket, depicts the mellowness of aged and salt-corroded timber, of the charm of houses built at the water's edge. Dramatic in mood and key is Beneath the Banyan, a composition built around a twisted tree that decided to follow the line of least resistance. Notable for the rhythm of its forms and the power of the central foreground figure is Morning in Macassar. The undulating movement of heavy, oily water is expressed in East River, while in-New England Episode natural forms have been abstracted to throw trees, houses and humans into the correct supporting roles, and establish a laughing mood.

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Eloise Egan

THREE CITIES—New York, Boston and Philadelphia—have lately viewed the art of Eloise Egan, and in each the exhibition has been very favorably received by the critics, several of them wondering why this artist waited so long to un-bushel so bright a light. Dorothy Grafly of the Record, appraising the Philadelphia show, on view at the McClees Galleries until April 5, used the descriptive head, "striking," to describe the paintings of Miss Egan, who is the sister of Mrs. J. Stogdell Stokes, wife of the president of the Philadelphia Museum.

Miss Graffy said: "Ambitious in choosing the size of her canvases, Miss Egan works with palette knife stroke. Thus boldly does she hew sea cliffs and lighthouse in *The Outpost*, daring to paint water from blue rock eddies in the foreground to opaque greenblack at the foot of background cliffs.

"In The Ramparts and Moonlight on the Ramparts she has painted the same scene, first in sunlight, then at night. While both conceptions are strong, there is a degree of poetry in the moonlight blues of the nocturne that one does not feel in any other canvas. Less massive, with a color lift, is Concarneau, while dramatic sunset behind leaning palms lends zest to Sunset, Tropics."

The preface to Miss Egan's catalogue is an appreciation by the noted critic, Walter Pach.

Maril in Solo Show

Marking the close of the Spring season at the Whyte Gallery in Washington, D. C., is a large exhibition of paintings by Herman Maril, a nationally-known artist who lives and works in nearby Baltimore (his prize-winning Winter on a Farm is reproduced on page 22). Represented in several museums and a one-man exhibitor in New York, Maril was the featured exhibitor during February, 1939, at the Baltimore museum.

On that occasion Martha C. Cheney wrote that Maril's progress and direction had been "from a precisionism of line and color to a greatly enriched formal synthesis built of complex tones, textures, planes of light, volumes of form, and gradations of depth," and "from painting that is abstract to painting that becomes increasingly a flexible embodiment of everyday truths important to everyday men in the artist's own time and place."

Owned by Italy's Emperor

A bronze replica of Grandma, with which Archimedes A. Giacomantonio just won the Maynard Award at the National Academy Annual (see page 6), was purchased by Emperor Vittorio Emanuele in 1931 and is now in the Royal Palace at Rome. The head was done in Italy in 1928, and the artist's grandmother died in 1938.

Twenty Years of Zorach

William Zorach's 20-year career as a watercolorist is on review, through April 25, at the Massillon Museum, Massillon, Ohio. The show, which opened March 29 to coincide with Life magazine's article on Zorach, also contains a selection of the bronzes that brought fame to the versatile artist.

Old Master Drawings

The Schab Gallery of New York is presenting, until April 30, an old master show of prints and ink and wash drawings by a list of painters that includes Guardi, Schöngauer, Tiepolo, Van Leyden, Carracci and Canaletto.

Old Man River

THE Mississippi has for decades provided the setting for songs, novels and voyages of exploration. It now emerges as the liquid thread which, to some degree, constitutes a link between artists who occupy its broad valley from the Twin Cities in Minnesota to New Orleans, where it pours into the Gulf—artists who are, during April, being featured in a large loan show at Iowa's Davenport Municipal Art Gallery. Titled "Art and Artists Along the Mississippi," the show begins with a Currier & Ives lithograph, Wooding Up on the Mississippi, and Bingham's Fishing on the Mississippi and continues with canvases that bring the theme down to 1940.

Organized by Elizabeth Moeller, director of the Davenport Gallery, the exhibition comprises more than 70 displays. Subjects include scenes of steamboat days, flood scenes, genre themes depicting the people and life of the Southern section of the river, the mines of the north, agricultural and industrial views, and many scenic landscapes.

Jon Corbino's Flood Detail, Joseph Vorst's Drifters on the Mississippi and John Steuart Curry's Lightning Storm Over the Missouri are among the canvases that dramatize the turbulence of storms that crash down the valley. Contrasting are such serene, joyous works as Doris Lee's Showboat and John McCrady's locally-flavored Sunday Evening. The list of invited artists includes famed painters who have lived or painted in the valley. Twin Cities, St. Louis, New Orleans and Davenport artists submitted to local juries and include the best known painters of their regions.

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Wilmington Holds Annual

The Wilmington Society of Fine Arts is presenting, from April 1 through the 28th, its annual exhibition of watercolors, pastels, prints, drawings and illustrations.

The show was juried by John Costigan, Andrée Ruellan and J. Kirk Merrick, whose duties included the awarding of four prizes, to be announced later. Responsible for the arrangements was a committee chairmaned by Henrietta Hoopes and composed of Gertrude Edinger, Edward S. Grant, Sarah Street and Andrew Wyeth.

New Academicians

The National Academy, at the opening of its 114th Annual, announced the election of the following artists as Associate Members:

PAINTERS: Isabel Bishop, Allyn Cox, Gladys Rockmore Davis and Nan Greacen, all of New York City; Robert K. Ryland and Ferdinand E. Warren of Brooklyn; George Harding of Wynnewood, Pa., and N. C. Wyeth, of Chadd's Ford, Pa.

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Sculptors: Cornelia Van A. Chapin, Donald De Lue and Gertrude V. Whitney, all of New York City; Nathaniel Choate of Phoenixville, and Janet De Coux of Sibsonia, Pa.; and Herbert Haseltine of Paris, France.

Graphic Arts: Roi Partridge of Mills College, Cal.; Grant T. Reynard of Leonia, N. J.; and Cadwallader Washburn of Lakewood, N. J.

The only architect elected was Eliel Saarinen, president of Cranbrook Academy, Michigan, and winner of the competition for the new Smithsonian Art Gallery Building in Washington.



August Afternoon: GLADYS ROCKMORE DAVIS

Metropolitan Acquires Six New Hearns

This time there can be little quarrel with the purchases made by the Metropolitan Museum for its famous Hearn Collection of American paintings—two oils and three watercolors which bring several newcomers into the upper Fifth Avenue fold. The acquisitions are: August Afternoon by Gladys Rockmore Davis, Unemployable by Arnold Friedman, both oils; and the watercolors, Dandelion Seed Balls and Trees by Charles Burchfield, Baseball Game by Louis Bouche, and After Church by Evangeline C. Cozzens.

August Afternoon, bought from the Rehn Gallery, gives Metropolitan recognition to a young artist whose rise to national prominence in the art field has been just short of phenomenal—through the medium of a lusciously and brilliantly painted canvas that is one of the artist's most important works. It was painted last Summer at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, and was shown in the 1939 Carnegie International. Mrs. Davis trained at the Chicago Art Institute and the League.

Arnold Friedman, ex-postal clerk and parttime painter, studied evenings with Robert Henri for four years, beginning back in 1906. At the age of 61, he is now commanding wide attention, for his work hangs in the Museum

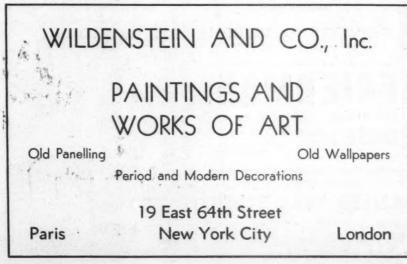
of Modern Art, the Newark Museum and the Phillips Memorial Gallery.

The Burchfield watercolor is one of the artist's early works, painted in Ohio in May, 1917—long before the arrival of fame. Along with others of the period it was kept by Burchfield until shown in an exhibition of works of 1917-1918 at the Rehn Gallery last Fall. Bouche's watercolor of a Long Island baseball game shows a scene along the waterfront somewhere between Fort Hamilton and Sheepshead Bay—a children's Welfare Playground as seen on a hot morning in August, 1939. It was acquired from Kraushaur Galleries, scene of Bouche's recent one-man show.

After Church, the watercolor by Evangeline C. Cozzens, also comes from Kraushaar and is a fine example by this progressing artist. It was painted in Edgartown, Mass., in 1939.

Bold Maurice Becker

The paintings of Maurice Becker, bold in color and individual in technique, occupy the Artists Gallery in New York during April's first fortnight. J. B. Neumann writes in the catalogue that "the earliest works remain, with their original quality, very good, while his latest have built into excellence."



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America Laughs

MODERN AMERICAN HUMOR, a volatile, saline substance that detonates sometimes like a land mine, shattering the silence and all pretense in this best—or worst—of all possible worlds, is enthroned this month in an art museum, at the Rhode Island Museum in Providence, in the first comprehensive exhibition of this phase of art (on view until April 30).

The emphasis in the Rhode Island show is placed upon the social and psychological pranksters, rather than the political cartoonists, and among the prominent names included are. Arno, Thurber, Wortman, Sloan, Steig, Barbara Shermund, Abner Dean, Alan Dunn, Rose, Young, Alajabor, Helen E. Hokinson, Gluyas Williams, Soglow, Gardner Rea, and others—33 in all, with 700 original drawings.

Many of the drawings appeared in the pages of The New Yorker, the Saturday. Evening Post, Collier's, and other national periodicals which recently have found that the cartoon is a necessity from the circulation standpoint. Among the history-making drawings on view is the famous one by Carl Rose that appeared in The New Yorker, showing a little girl and her mother seated at a table. In this, as in many modern cartoons, the explosive is in the caption, or gag: "It's broccoli, dear," says

"Of course it's a woman. They don't do landscapes in marble": SHERMUND



the mother, and the enfant terrible shoots back:

"I say it's spinach, and I say the hell with it!"

At the far end of this satire is a famous cartoon by Art Young depicting a small boy and girl looking up from their slum surroundings at the sky. The line reads: "Chee, Annie, look at de stars—thick as bedbugs!"

The 700 drawings weave, with heart-throbs, belly laughs and stinging thrusts, through all layers of society, taking lightning flicks at the pretense of café society, at the cocktail set, at the horsey crowd, at Westchester women's club meetings, the antics of street gamins, suburbanites and hill-billies. Arno's sophisticated upper Madison Avenue set is represented in one memorable cartoon showing a group of razor-back dowagers and their hangers-on, all done up in soup-and-fish and stopping by at a friend's doorway. "We're all going to the newsreel to hiss Roosevelt," they announce.

Richard Taylor's sultry-eyed women, in dress and undress, lampoon the art world; Helen Hokinson's stylishly-stouters are all wound up in Parliamentary procedure; Gluyas William's commuters; Thurber's formidable dogs; George Price's frustrates; and Soglow's beermined king of all the Soglows—all are present in the Rhode Island Show.

Caricature—from caricare, Italian: to overload—is as old as the hills; it was practiced daily in Greece and even earlier in Egypt. The present tradition of cartooning was laid down in England by such satirists as Hogarth, Cruikshank, Rowlandson, and by the Frenchmen, Daumier and Forain, and the Spaniard, Goya. In America, one of the first political cartoonists was Paul Revere. During the war of 1812, William Charles and Doolittle were active, while the great Civil War and post-Civil War cartoonist was Thomas Nast, archenemy of the Tweed Ring. The first comic weekly in America was Punch, started in 1876, and the old Life began in 1883.

Browne Holds Chicago Show

The Findlay Galleries in Chicago presented during March a comprehensive exhibition of the oils and watercolors of George Elmer Browne, noted academician. Portraits and landscapes, executed with the strength and freedom that have become Browne's trade mark, gave Chicagoans a view of an artist who has for several decades been a consistent prize winner and whose works are in almost every major museum in the country.

Browne's reputation has transcended national borders. As early as 1904 one of his canvases was purchased by the French Government out of the Paris Salon. The same government made him, in 1926, a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor.

From Chicago the Browne show moves to the Dayton Art Institute, April 3 to 30.

Triple Feature at Modern

Three new exhibitions move into the Museum of Modern Art, New York, on April 3: a traveling show of contemporary American art; the work of Sharaku, the 18th century Japanese John Barrymore; and Designs for Abstract Films.

The new traveling show is made up of "a selection from the most distinguished paintings done throughout the United States on the Federal Art Projects," combined with paintings in the museum's permanent collection. The Sharaku show, which recently closed in Boston, comprises nearly all the existing prints by this actor-artist who has been universally acclaimed a master printmaker.



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Pre-Columbian Art Featured in Los Angeles

"We palefacers are just a little colophon at the end of a book," says Arthur Millier in the Los Angeles Times, by way of reviewing the current McKinney-organized exhibition at the Los Angeles Museum.

The show is devoted to pre-Columbian art in the Americas, and, in order to press home the point that there was art, civilization and many other things on this hemisphere before 1492, Millier stresses the fact that man had been writing in the book of American history long before the arrival of Columbus. "They have even found remains of Tarsius in America. And Tarsius was an ancestor of the Anthropoid Ape."

There are nearly 300 catalogued items in the Los Angeles show (on view through April), comprehending the Toltec, Zapotec, Mayan, Aztec, Incan, Pueblo and related cultures of South, Central, and North America with hundreds of objects loaned by Tulane University, University of Pennsylvania, Brooklyn Museum and other outstanding repositories of these arts. Stone sculpture, gold and silver ornaments, pottery, various small objects, textiles, featherwork, and architectural models recreate the strange forms of these ancient, religion-dominated peoples.

Millier was deeply impressed with "this exciting and beautiful display, painstakingly assembled from many lenders throughout the country," and, though he realized that every piece in the show "is covered with intricate carved or painted symbols that mean next to nothing to most of us," he pointed out that these foster-fathers were "peaceful people and wonderful artists."

"You don't have to know what all the figures on their painted vases mean to recog-

nize that the best of their designs compare with Greek painted vases. Those magnificent marble vases with jaguar handles, carved by Mayan sculptors, are great art in any language. The limestone head of a sun god, which stands on a high pedestal, has the grandeur and simplicity our sculptors try so hard to get. And as for all those little figures of people and animals in gold, cast and hammered principally in Costa Rica or Peruwould you say the people who made them were savages?

"The truth is that there were great civilizations in this hemisphere when our ancestors were chasing each other about in animal skins. The typical state was ruled, like Egypt, by a caste of priest-scientists. By the time Cortez arrived these rulers had became increasingly secular and militaristic and the religions had grown more cruel.

"But the old peoples had built wonderful roads and temples, done great painting, sculpture and pottery, and the finest weaving of colored threads and colored feathers ever seen on this earth."

A Larson for Sweden

Cecil Larson's The Red Bridge was awarded the \$100 purchase prize at the annual exhibition of Swedish-American artists at Mandel Brothers, Chicago. The prize is awarded annually by a jury and the painting is sent to the National Museum at Vexio, Sweden, for the latter's American collection. In her review of the show, the Chicago Tribune critic, Eleanor Jewett, agreed that the Larson oil was best, noting that, "the nuances of color in the background are a delight to the eye."

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As Reported by Paul Bird

PORTRAITURE, old and new, has been a theme of importance recently with old master portraits at Knoedler's and Schaeffer's and contemporary Americans and Europeans at 460 Park Avenue Galleries. The old masters certainly showed up the contemporaries; they led Jerome Klein of the Post to make this observation:

"Probably no other period of history can show a portrait art so virile and imaginative as the Renaissance. It was produced to satisfy a vital demand. While artists needed patrons, patrons needed artists no less to fortify their positions. In its half-hearted character modern society portraiture reveals that socially it is merely an indulgence, not really needed. The strong urge for art has other sources and takes other forms today."

Is Ours the Landscape?

Klein fails to mention what these other forms are, but it may be presumed that he refers to landscapes, cityscapes, industrials, scenes of social realism, et cetera, though some would quarrel with these as being alone vital today. The French modern movement said all it had to say—and well—with the figure, the still life and the landscape, though of course it also used other forms, even portraiture. Copley said everything via his few portraits of New Englanders; Eakins' statement was contained in his portraits and figure studies; Homer's in the land- and seascapes with figures. Today the landscape appears to be the most generally vital form and some of the nation's best figure painters (Alexander Brook for example) have turned to the outdoors recently. It would be interesting to get an answer to this new importance of landscape painting.

Marsh & Hartley Score

Reginald Marsh's show at the Rehn Gallery was exceptionally well received by the critics and marked a new success for the artist. None was more praiseful than Edward Alden Jewell in the *Times*. Nearly all of the new work, he said, "is ever so much cleaner and clearer in draftsmanship than was some of the slightly earlier work in tempera. This

constitutes a distinct gain in the matter of articulation and leaves certainly no less distinctive an always original style."

Carlyle Burrows of the Herald Tribune noted "fresh vigor and power" in the new work, and in the opinion of Jerome Klein of the Post, nothing Marsh has hitherto done, in either watercolor or tempera, "compares with the rich, fluid sweep of 20 South Street [reproduced last issue], 10 Shots 10 Cents, and Two Natures of Man."

And Marsden Hartley at the Hudson Walker Gallery received a good press, too. Margaret Breuning spoke in the *Journal American* of his "breath of another world, not a mystic one, but the robust tang of outdoors, of Maine woods and waters in the dynamic simplicity of statement characteristic of the artist."

Jewell considered this Hartley's best show. Some of the more abstract pictures did not impress Jewell, however: "Striving to fathom pictures such as the Madawaska and Birds of the Bagaduce, I realize that understanding of the artist's aim is still, for me, a long way off."

Gray Days by Fortess

For some time the paintings by Karl Fortess have been favorably noticed in group shows, and the artist was last month presented in his first one-man show at the Associated American Artists Gallery. The result was a roomful of lonely roads and gray skies.

Howard Devree of the *Times* was enthusiastic about Fortess' paintings, finding them less depressing than he had expected. Wrote Devree: "He has cleaned up his palette and even in such paintings as *Pigeon Point Cove* his low key is far from depressing. Rather, this canvas of sand dunes on one of those intimate gray days is very pleasing. There is strength, emotional strength, in most of this work. One feels at times something of kinship to the work of Mattson."

Custer Watercolors Preferred

Even though her oils showed an excellent talent in that medium, Bernardine Custer's watercolors, included in her exhibition at the Midtown Gallery, stole the show. "They cast

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At the Boyer Galleries

a spell that outlasts even her more substantial efforts in painting," Carlyle Burrows noted in the *Herald Tribune*. He praised them because "drawing counts almost as much as color in these subjects, and tends to reinforce their sparkling delicacy."

"In a week literally flooded with watercolors in two extensive displays these papers by Miss Custer are outstanding," wrote Melville Upton in the Sun. "Light and suggestive, with the white paper left to do much of the work, which it does most effectively, they are a revelation in what can be done in watercolor when it is not engaged in competing with oils."

A Burliuk Retrospective

Probably the most provocative exhibition of the moment is that of David Burliuk, who is presented, at 58, in a retrospective of 22 canvases at the Boyer Gallery. The show is full of variety and diversity of style, some of the pictures bearing an impasto so heavy that it hangs and drips off the canvas; others done with a smoother, more realistic touch. The show divides, too, between canvases that are in reality memory paintings of the Russian steppes, peopled with gnomish individuals in fantastic settings, and other canvases that are quickly recognizable as scenes from our own Bronx steps.

In the Tea Party and Coming Home from the Steppes the artist reaches his familiar cyclonic power, and, for sheer joy, presented to bare as to be almost the essence of it, the latter painting is highly recommended. In Tea Party, Burliuk solves a difficult light problem. His early Van Gogh influence and his experience in the maelstrom of modern movements in Germany before coming here, in 1922, appears strongly in these paintings, while it is considerably tempered in those depicting the New York scene.

To many people this work of Burliuk contains an irritant, it presents an immediate allergy, while others consider it among the most important work being done today. So it must be seen, for, as the gallery release charmingly puts it, "A great deal that has been written about Burliuk is irrelevant to the man's work, such as his 125 brightly colored waistcoats."

April's Showers

Quite a number of interesting new exhibits open April 1 and the showery month promises to be as packed as a midwinter one.

The big Persian show will open at the old Union League Club building in mid-April; the Independents opens April 19 (and what fun that will be, installed in the inner sanctum of the academy, the Fine Arts Building); an exciting flower show is promised at the Marie Harriman Gallery with French and American contemporaries hanging side by side to be judged on their respective merits; the Mexican show opens at the Modern Museum; the Metropolitan opens its big Industrial Arts annual; the Whitney opens April 3 a huge show by the National Sculpture Society.

The one-man shows will keep apace, too. Opening in the early part of the month is a show by Charlotte Berend at the Kleemann Gallery, which should be of particular interest because Miss Berend, (or just "Berend" as she is known abroad) is a discovery of the famous critic, Meier-Grafe. Henry Kleemann considers Berend (she married Lovis Corinth) one of Germany's foremost modern painters. This show runs from April 1 to 27.

The Valentine Gallery presents "Three Spaniards"—Picasso, Miro and Juan Gris—on April 1, which reminds one of Gertrude Stein's remark that French painting in the 1st quarter of the twentieth century was done by Spaniards.

Art in the Theatre

Theatre arts are getting attention in the galleries with a notable show at the Guy Mayer Gallery and one recently closed at the Valentine Gallery. Nearly all of the outstanding designers are represented in the Mayer exhibit which includes sketches for settings and costumes and a large number of small models, well set up and lighted. Dr. Elmer Nagy, curator of the Yale Drama School, aided Aimee Crane in assembling the show. There are designs by Raoul Pene du Bois (son of Guy) for Ghost Town; Carl Kent's John Brown; Lucinda Ballard's High and Higher; Lawrence Goldwasser's Passenger to Bali; and work by Norris Houghton, Boris Aronson, Harry Horner, Charles Elson, Byron Kelly, and many others.

On the Abstract Front

Abstractions are in the news. At the Passedoit Gallery there are a number of panels by Helion, considered by some as the leading exponent of this art. Packed into the gallery, these paintings almost burst out the walls, [Please turn to page 34]

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PHILIP EVERCOOD, a leading member of the group christened by Elizabeth McCausland "social realists," is showing his recent canvases until April 13 at New York's A. C. A. Galleries, with which he has lately become affiliated. In an enthusiastic feature review in the Springfield Union and Republican, Miss McCausland describes the exhibition as one placing Evergood in the category of artists whose work has "the shock and delight of the unexpected."

Evergood's conception of reality, continued the Union and Republican critic, "is soundly based on the external world. Not the private wars of the soul engross his brush, but the broad movements of life in society. . . . His compositions are complex, intertwined, active, in opposition with themselves. Such a painting as An American Tragedy (whose subtitle should be Republic Steel) proves the point....
Railroad Men's Wives and Modern Inquisitor are at opposite ends of his range of subject matter. The former is painted in a style sympathetic to the human beings shown, the latter makes uses of violent colors and contrasts to suggest an implicit criticism of the financial dictator pulling the reins of the world with ticker tape."

The high point in the artist's development, according to Miss McCausland, is his Lily and the Sparrows (shown at this year's Whitney Annual). "Here," she says, "is a kind of worship of life which in other societies was bestowed on religious symbols, in our time on humanity."

Edward Alden Jewell of the *Times* found little change in Evergood's style, except "a perhaps augmented emphasis on 'social' themes." And in the latter Jewell noted that effectiveness was in direct proportion to the amount of humor employed. The artist's humor, when allowed free scope, the *Times* critic wrote, "is delicious and very individual. He is a

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spontaneous satirist and his satire, more impish and frolicsome than mordant, expresses it self naturally in terms of the fantastic. Sometimes, as in the large canvas called An American Tragedy he seems bent upon suppressing this gift, upon burying it beneath a mood of grim, factual propaganda—in which case little besides the quality of his animated painting style comes through as an asset."

An American Tragedy, Jewell feels, "has much to recommend it in the way of painting. The riotous throng is handled with skill. The tempo is brisk and the moving forms have weight. Yet as social comment it is cheap and unconvincing. The design is excellent, the subject nil.

"Certain of the other pictures in his show suffer from the same or from a kindred defect. The large canvas called *Flood* appears not precisely to preach a moral, but is marred in some of its passages by crudity."

"But with these strictures stated," Jewell continued, "it is pleasant to report that the exhibition abounds in reassuring tokens. Evergood is completely and slyly and subtly and sardonically himself in that remarkable and now familiar canvas entitled My Forebears Were Pioneers." The Times critic rated Vacationing one of the artist's "most felicitous, one of his most beatifically vulpine, brush adventures to date."

On the British Invasion

No portrait painter ever should Be satisfied with being good At painting portraits; he should try To snare the super-social eye And swank his stuff with lofty airs And catch a string of millionaires, Then picture them with empty looks But with such charming pocketbooks.

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Answering "Who Will Paint Your Portrait?"

A PUBLIC INTEREST in portraiture appears to have gripped New York recently. In addition to two outstanding old master shows of portraits, a recent exhibition of contemporary portrait painting at the 460 Park Avenue Gallery turned into a lively-attended show. "Who will paint your portrait" was the title, the being an assembly of 40 paintings recently featured in Town and Country. It was held as a benefit for the Travelers Aid So-

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One thing the exhibition proved is that there are plenty of portrait painters to provide the world with all of its demands in that field. Diversity of style was practically a keynote, the two extremes being probably the Charles Baskerville painting of Madame Lopes, in which butterflies and a feathered bonnet figure prominently, to the hard-contoured, rugged characterization of John Dos Passos by Harold Weston. In between were styles academic, surrealist, Fauve, Flemish, 18th century English, Impressionist, and others-all as practiced today by American and European painters.

The show "piques one's curiosity no end," wrote Edward Alden Jewell in the Times. "Much of the work may be smartly superficial but the gamut is run. And if you can't pick your artist in even this divertingly diversified throng, there is no need to despair for a great many other talents await the summons. This show suggests but by no means exhausts the wealth of disparate possibilities.'

Among the most disparate, Jewell mentioned Brackman's Bartlett Arkell and Massimo Campigli's Joella Lloyd (the latter is like an ancient fresco painting), the Gerald Brockhurst and Derain portraits, and Raoul Dufy's "captivating Rosina, which used once to be just a blithe impersonal bather surrounded by buoys-and still is despite the shifted em-

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phasis for which inclusion in the present company must be held responsible. The former title was Baigneuse à Sainte-Adresse.

"There are," wrote Emily Genauer of the World Telegram, "some really fine things in the show-the Dufy Rosina, for example; the early Gerald Brockhurst portrait of Francis MacNamara, the Robert Brackman portrait of Barlett Arkell, the portrait of a little boy by John Koch and a few others.

"And don't let the rest discourage you. There ARE fine portraitists today. And many of them are quite as able to achieve a sensitive, revealing likeness through the documentary method as through the intuitional."

"Art in a Democracy"
Under the title, "Art in a Democracy," the
American Artists' Congress will exhibit from April 5 to the 28th work by members from Maine to California. A similar theme, it will be remembered, provided the anchor for the contemporary art show at the New York World's Fair last year. Made up of oils, watercolors, photographs, prints and sculpture, the show will be held in temporary galleries at 785 Fifth Avenue, New York City. On the evenings of April 7 and 21 two symposia will be conducted on, respectively, "Voice of the People," and "Information Please." A fuller report will appear in the April 15 ART DIGEST.

Corbino's Latest

Jon Corbino's latest canvases, vigorously painted and dramatically composed, are the April feature at the Macbeth Galleries, New York. Included are circus scenes, frieze-like compositions of horses, figure paintings and drawings, all carrying the mark of Corbino's robust draftsmanship and romantic spirit.

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Maryland Stages Strong Regional Annual

EACH YEAR the Baltimore Museum plays gracious host to the Maryland artists, buys a few of the exhibits, awards prizes and gives the public an opportunity to acquire good, original art at amazingly low prices. This year an out-of-town jury—Henry Varnum Poor, Edmund Archer and Peyton Boswell, Jr.—judged the exhibition, applying, perhaps, a more detached viewpoint and a more rigorous yardstick to the submissions. Maryland's artists came through, and the resultant exhibition is a strong, healthy display of regional art—running the gamut of artistic expression from Waugh to Picasso, and touching all the more temperate stops between

In the Maryland show the jurors, as well as the artists, were on the spot, for Director Cheek very wisely established in the museum's downstairs galleries a "Salon des Refusés,"

where the public can second-guess the jury's decisions on what is good and what bad art.

About 250 artists submitted more than 700 works, and from these, 176, representing 131 artists, were accepted. Main interest among the prize awards was attached to the two purchase awards for the International Business Machines Corporation (this progressive firm is buying two paintings from each state for exhibition in the I. B. M. buildings at the New York and San Francisco fairs). The Maryland winners were Shanty-town House by Eleanor de Ghize and Sea Road by Harold Holmes Wrenn, both representative in quality and subject appeal of Maryland art today.

The Wilson Levering-Smith Memorial Medal for the best exhibit regardless of medium was voted to the sculpture of a *Dancer* by Reuben Kramer. This small, expressive piece of

bronze also won the Three Arts Club prize for the best sculpture exhibit—a natural sequence. The Baltimore Museum purchase prizes were voted to Winter on a Farm, an oil by Herman Maril; and to The Builders, an oil by N. Lloyd Weaver, a local constructor and "Sunday painter." The Weaver award draws attention to a prominent feature of the exhibition, the large number of works submitted by holiday-artists and untaught "primitives," some of which were admirable for their sincerity and directness of expression. Edward Hacker won the Junior League "Prize of Merit" with an oil entitled Saturday Night. In the print section the \$25 purchase prize went to the lithograph, Murder, by Mervin Jules.

The Maryland Annual helps prove the case for regionalism in art—the decentralization of art production away from the metropolitan centers and back to the source of the artist's most personal inspiration.

Two Southerners

CAROLINE DURIEUX AND DUNCAN FERGUSON, progressive members of the New Southern Group, were the most recent exhibitors at that organization's show place, the Gresham Galleries in historic New Orleans. The galleries' court-yard, edged with shrubs and banana trees, provided an ideal out-door setting for the sculpture of Duncan Ferguson. Centered was his large aluminum Benediction, last seen in the New York World's Fair, and surrounding it were bronze, terra cotta and wood portrait busts, animal pieces and symbolic compositions such as Compassion.

The highly individual oils and lithographs by Miss Durieux, hung in an adjoining gallery, ranged from light veined depictions of some of the humorous pretensions of Southern Negroes to such darkly brooding canvases as God of War.

Miss Durieux is assistant professor of painting at Newcomb College of Tulane University, while Ferguson is acting head of the department of fine arts at Louisiana State University. Their successful two-man show closed March 27.

Brown & James

At the Eggleston Galleries in New York the father-son team of Heustons has been succeeded by the husband-wife team of exhibitors, Syd Browne and Sandra James. Browne is represented by both watercolors and etchings, and Miss James by oils. The latter are landscapes which, as in Winter Landscape, are factual representations of nature marked by strong color and an overtone of local flavor.

Syd Browne's watercolors, bright in color and evoked out of smooth, controlled washes, range from a Mexican market place to picturesque water-side views of the Gaspé region. Among the prints are his popular Sutton Place, Sheepshead Bay, Dooley Street and Along the Freight Tracks. All are soundly drawn and rendered with a line that captures light and gives off an air of repose and calm beauty.

Lichtenauer Exhibits

J. Mortimer Lichtenauer, well known painter and muralist, is exhibiting a group of 15 oils and (a new venture for him) a sculptured Head of a Young Woman in a one-man display, on view at New York's Fiften Gallery through April 13. The sculpture is the plaster version of the bronze head which represents Lichtenauer in the Academy annual.

In his canvases, the artist has, temporarily at least, abandoned representational pictures for compositions symbolic in nature.

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Auction Calendar

April 4. Thursday evening & April 5. Friday afternoon, Parke-Bernet Galleries; from the collection of H. Leonard Simmons: Paintings by contemporary artists, including Corbino, Brackman, Philipp, Brush and Pushman; Americans from the last generation; and (April 5) Syrian & Roman glass, Persian & Indian miniatures, Chinese paintings, porcelains, furniture and bronzes by Barye, Borglum. Now on exhibition

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April 5 & 6, Friday & Saturday afternoons, Kende Galleries; from the Anton Redlich collection: 18th & 19th century Vienna porcelains. Also Near-East & European glass, bronze and copper; Persian, Mesopotamian & Asia Minor pottery; rare 16th & 17th century Persian brocades & velvet. Now on exhibition.

April 6, Saturday afternoon, Parke-Bernet Galleries; property of Mrs. Fred F. French & other ownes: English & French furniture and decorations; paintings, drawings, prints & bronzes; Oriental rugs. Now on exhibition

April 11, Thursday afternoon, Parke-Bernet Galleries; from the collection of the late Wang Yuan of Peking, China: Chinese porcelains & pottery; Chinese iades and semi-precious mineral carvings. Chinese & Tibetan bronzes. On exhibition from April 6.

April 12 & 13, Friday & Saturday afternoons, Kende Galleries; from the collections of the late Cortlandt F. Bishop & others: extensive group of fine Japanese prints; 15th & 16th century Gothic glass and Gothie wood carvings; English & Continental furniture; important tapestries; objects of art. On exhibition from April 8.

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April 12 & 13, Friday & Saturday afternoons, Parke-Bernet Galleries; from the collections of Robert V. Gibson and others: Early American furniture, glass; Staffordshire and other lustreware. On exhibition from April 6.
April 25, 26 & 27, Thursday, Friday & Saturday afternoons, Parke-Bernet Galleries; from the estate of the late Louis Rorimer: more than 300 items comprising fine English & French furniture, some Spanish & Ifalian pieces; textiles, wall papers & fine interior decorations. On exhibition from April 20.

Kende Sales

THE KENDE GALLERIES, newly opened in New York, are inaugurating activities this month with two sales. The first, scheduled for the afternoons of the 5th and 6th, offers the Anton Redlich collection of 18th and early 19th century Vienna porcelains. Shown extensively in important loan exhibitions, the group includes rare items from the 1730's among which are the five Du Paquier "Callot' caricature figurines formerly owned by Prince Schwartzenberg of Vienna and, according to the Galleries, the only known specimens not in museum collections. Du Paquier, who established his porcelain factory in 1718, stressed quality above quantity and numbered among his clients Europe's royalty and aristocracy.

The Kende Galleries' second April auction, booked for the afternoons of the 12th and 13th, brings to bidders an extensive list of properties from various sources, headed by rare Gothic glass, furniture, tapestries, rugs and a group of fine Japanese prints, the latter collected by the late Cortlandt F. Bishop.

The Japanese prints range from the primitive (early 17th century) examples to the 19th century, among which are works by Moronobu, by Kigonobu, Toshinobu and Kiyomoto. From the late 18th century are prints by Koriusai, pupil of Harunobu, and by Shunsho and Utamaro (including his portrait of Bijin Jiuyo, one of the ten famous teahouse beauties). Hokusai and Hiroshige are also amply represented.

Industrial Art at the Met

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The Metropolitan Museum's annual exhibition of Contemporary American Industrial Art, 1940 edition, opens to the public on April 17, presenting the latest style-picture of the nation in a series of exhibits that have been continuing since 1917. The show is scheduled to run through the Summer.



Diana and Nymph. Oudenaarde Tapestry in Rorimer-Brooks Sale

Variety Marks April Sales at Parke-Bernet

OFFERINGS during April at the Parke-Bernet Galleries in New York cover a wide range, starting with paintings by important contemporary Americans and spanning the centuries back to the ancient carvers of China and their rare bronzes and jades.

Brackman, Corbino, Philipp and Pushman are among the American contemporaries to make an infrequent appearance in auction sales rooms. Philipp is represented by four canvases, one of which is Olympia, (reproduced in the last issue of the DIGEST), which won the \$500 Logan prize at the Chicago Art Institute. Corbino has five still lifes and a head of a child; and Brackman is represented by a still life, a landscape and two nudes. De Chirico, Lebduska, Duveneck, Luks and Boldini are other artists from the H. Leonard Simmons collection in this sale on April 4 and 5.

On April 6, furniture holds the Parke-Bernet spotlight. English and French pieces are included, along with paintings, drawings, prints, bronzes and Oriental rugs, from the collections of Mrs. Fred F. French and other owners. Chinese porcelains, bronzes, pottery, jades and semi-precious mineral carvings from the collection of the late Wang Yuan will be dispersed on the afternoon of April 11. On the afternoons of the 12th and 13th the scene switches back to America, when early American furniture, glass and Staffordshire from the collections of Robert V. Gibson and others will be offered.

Going on exhibition on the 20th are the more than 800 items comprising the stock of the Rorimer-Brooks Studios (one of the largest decorating firms in the Middle-West) which comes to Parke-Bernet for sale on the afternoons of April 25th, 26th and 27th. Fine examples of English, French, Spanish and Italian furniture and decorations will be sold, including the Oudenaarde tapestry, Diana and Nymph, reproduced above. The late Louis Rorimer established his firm in Cleveland before the turn of the century. For 18 years on the faculty of the Cleveland School of Art, Rorimer counted among his students Norman Bel Geddes, Abel G. Warshawsky and Charles Burchfield.

Late Prices from the Auction Mart

Appearing in order are the name of the artist, the title, the name of the sale, the buyer (if any announced), and the price. P-A indicates the Plaza Art Galleries; P-B stands for Parke-Bernet Galleries.

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The House with the Inscription: CANALETTO (etching)

Venice as Recorded by Canaletto's Needle

ALL BUT ONE of Canaletto's etchings are making one of their infrequent public showings, through April 15, at the M. A. McDonald Galleries, New York. The people and the pageants of 18th-century Venice found an accomplished and prolific recorder in Giambattista Tiepolo, just as the city itself found in Canaletto a keen-eyed, skilled portrayer. Both painters, whose lives came within a few years of paralleling each other, took up the years of paralleling each other, took up the etcher's needle during short recesses from their almost constantly busy easels.

"In these great etchings," writes Robert McDonald in the catalogue, "Canaletto put

down (like an impressionist born before his time), the atmosphere, the very life-like 'wiggle' of sunny spacious views that caught his fancy in Venice, Padua and environs, and by means of as direct and open a technique as we have record of-short, horizontal lines for space with heavier curving ones in the

In most of the scenes (there are 31 on view), the sky is filled with etched lines that, instead of darkening the sun, seem to lend to it a subdued brilliance that glitters on the stone façades and remains luminous even in shaded areas. Canaletto's love of buildings, canals and palaces is as evident in these plates as in his precisely painted, accurately observed canvases. But in the etchings the mood is not one of Venice's festivity. It is one of faint sadness, almost melancholy, in which glamorous architecture shows the ravages of time and suggests nostalgically the preceding centuries when the Queen of the Adriatic was at her brilliant height. The House with the Inscription (reproduced above), La Torre di Malghera and Prà della Valle, à Padoue are cases in point.

Canaletto, wrote Edward Alden Jewell in the Times, "appreciates the romantic flavor of a scene dominated by or incorporating a bit of ruin. And as it deftly, if also methodically, travels about the plate, his needle builds up an atmospheric shimmer."

Solidly architectural in character is Title Page, which depicts a wall inscribed to Joseph Smith, the British merchant who was Consul at Venice and a Canaletto patron.

Kuniyoshi Lithos

ALTHOUGH YASUO KUNIYOSHI is a frequent exhibitor of oils, he is seldom seen in a one-man display of his widely collected lithographs. Such an exhibition is, until April 13, on view at the Downtown Galleries of New York, where 50 prints, beginning with his earliest, Cow, and ending with his latest, Deserted Brickyard, unfold the Japanese-American's career as a printmaker from 1922 to 1939.

Landscapes, figure subjects and still lifes are all given the Kuniyoshi touch, and, taken together, they dramatize the artist's range of tonal effects—from subtle greys to intense blacks, from delicate suggestion of line to solid mass.

'There are in his prints," wrote Carl Zigrosser in Parnassus, "a sure realization of form, sensitiveness to tone and color, and racy and idiomatic draughtsmanship. There is always purity of mood, and above all intensity of feeling. There is a sense of style that is rare among American artists." These qualities, Zigrosser adds, "are given edge and direction by his individual approach, blended of Oriental and American experience. He is thus both American and non-American, and he thereby adds a special note to American graphic art, a new and personal way of looking at things."

"The scope of his subject matter," the critic continued, "is limited by his idiosyncrasy, but within that limit his work is pure, intense, and of a haunting beauty. He is never intellectual; for all that his works are beautifully designed and constructed. There is a directness of feeling and perception in his drawing that is never premeditated.'

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In studying the progression of Kuniyoshi's printmaking, Zigrosser pointed out that, in the earliest lithographs (which were literally black and white) he "used the relatively coarser grained zinc for black linear accents to the exclusion of any subtle gradation of tone. . . . But henceforth his lithographs were permeated with a sense of color. This was the influence that his painting had upon his graphic work."

Kuniyoshi, Zigrosser concluded, "is ever ensitive to the inherent qualities of the medium, and keeps his lithography, painting and photography separate, though each has enriched his experience as artist."



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Chicago Acquires Superlative Lucas Print

A "SUPERLATIVELY BEAUTIFUL impression of one of the fine prints in the history of engraving," The Dance of Magdalen by Lucas Van Leyden, has been acquired by the Art Institute of Chicago's Buckingham Collection.

Van Leyden, who was a master engraver at the tender age of 14, did the Chicago print when he was 25, at the height of his career and during the happiest period of his life. One year earlier he had married a young noblewoman of Leyden, and for the next decade the engraver enjoyed success and honor. This period was climaxed by Lucas' decision to visit the painters of Zeeland, of Flanders, and Brabant. Traveling in his own boat and tending stately banquets to the artists of each place visited, states the Institute Bulletin, "he was accompanied everywhere by Jan Gossaert (Mabuse) who dressed in cloth-ofgold, while Lucas wore a gown of fine yellow camlet which shone in the sun like gold."

In the present print, which depicts the worldly life of Magdalen rather than her re-

pentance, Lucas achieved one of his most distinguished compositions. Using the device of enframing trees to focus main attention upon Magdalen and her partner, the artist was able to include and integrate no less than 47 persons and animals. In the foreground Lucas depicted some of his fellow townspeople, of which the most expressive is the ivy-crowned man on the right, whose gaze is riveted upon Magdalen. In the background Lucas has represented a courtly scene of the chase in which Magdalen is seated on a prancing horse, and, once again in the far distance Magdalen is depicted being transported to the heavens by four angels.

Schniewind's New Job

Newest member of the Chicago Art Institute's staff is Carl O. Schniewind, former curator of prints and drawings at the Brooklyn Museum, who, since March 18, has been curator of prints and drawings at Chicago. Schniewind replaced Mrs. Lillian Combs, who retired after 16 years of service.

Under the new curator's direction will be Chicago's noted collections of the graphic arts, including the Buckingham, the Deering and the Leonora Hall Gurley collections.

Born in New York City in 1900, Schniewind received his training in Europe, graduating from the University of Zurich in 1919 and taking further work at the universities of Berne and Heidelberg. Until 1932 he resided in Berne, Switzerland, where he served as a trustee of two Swiss museums. During this period Schniewind also saw service as consulting expert to the French authorities in charge of the Musée Schongauer in Colmar.

On October 1, 1935, Schniewind became curator of prints and drawings at the Brooklyn Museum, where he reorganized the collections and installed many outstanding exhibitions. Similar tasks lie before him in Chicago, in addition to continued work on his definitive catalogues of prints by Henri Matisse, Paul Gauguin and Rodolphe Bresdin.

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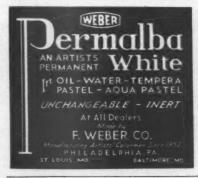
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Tiffany Guests

HOBART NICHOLS, director of the Tiffany Foundation at Oyster Bay, Long Island, announces an important change in the mechanism by which the Foundation selects the young artists who enjoy its hospitality each summer. Since its organization in 1919, the Foundation has held an open competition out of which the 30 successful competitors were chosen by a committee on the basis of work submitted.

This year, however, 20 of the 30 artists to be admitted will be chosen by the faculties of the 20 American art schools which have been invited to conduct Tiffany competitions. The regular open competition will be used to determine the other 10 award winners. Artists wishing to compete must apply on special blanks which may be secured from Mr. Nichols, whose address, until May 15th, is Bronx-ville, N. Y.

Occupying the late Louis Comfort Tiffany's Long Island country home, the Foundation's setting is one of ponds, gardens and extensive woodlands on the shores of a beautiful harbor. Here the award winners are free to paint and model as they please, with neither criticism nor instruction, unless they desire it. Lodging and food are furnished, and the only requirement made of artist-guests is that they display industry and serious effort.

On Michigan Peninsula

One of the unusual summer painting schools is that conducted by Howard Thomas (of the faculty of Milwaukee's State Teachers College) at Nahma, in the sparsely settled Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Classes are informal, and though scheduled only for forenoons, often continue until sunset.

Available for compositions is a wealth of rugged, backwoods subject matter. Forests abound, as do areas of cut-over timber land and villages made up of little wooden houses, wooden sidewalks and streets paved with the ground-up bark and waste from the lumber mills. Only a few miles distant is Fair Port, a fishing village which offers boats, waterfront scenes and quaint old streets as subjects for canvases. Even the Indians "are unfamiliar with the 'pay me for a snapshot' attitude."

Cranbrook Scholarships

Painting, sculpture and architecture students may compete for resident scholarships at Cranbrook Academy during the school year 1940-41. Awards will be made on a competitive basis and will provide advanced instruction in architecture under Eliel Saarinen, in sculpture under Carl Milles, and in painting under Zoltan Sepeshy. For further information write: Richard P. Raseman, Executive Secretary, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Chapin and Kahn at Herron

The John Herron Art School at Indian-apolis, Ind., continuing its practice of offering specialized courses by guest instructors, will hold during May classes in lithography under Francis Chapin and Max Kahn, both of Chicago. Chapin, who is regularly on the staff of the Art School of the Chicago Art Institute, will also teach a special class in water-color. A feature is the layman's class which will meet four mornings a week.

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The arrangements, which were completed by Dr. Aurelia H. Reinhardt, Mills College resident, Dr. Alfred Neumeyer, chairman of Mills Summer Session and L. Moholy-Nagy, provide for the removal to California of Moholy-Nagy and the following members of his staff: Mrs. Marli Ehrmann, head of the textile workshop; Gyorgy Kepes, head of the light workshop; Charles Niedringhaus, assistant in the design workshop; and Robert J. Wolff, head of painting and sculpture.

As an added service to teachers, the Mills College summer session will offer two special features: a course in "Modern Trends in the School Art Curriculum" by Miss Alice Schoelkopf, supervisor of art in the Oakland Public Schools, and a workshop on "The Arts in Education," sponsored by the Progressive Edsponsored by the Progressive Education Association.

Auburn Sheds the Academic

The Applied Art Department of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn) has, according to an announcement from the school, completely abandoned its former academic viewpoint. The modern approach to art and to teaching is the new note, arrived at through a gradual shift in the personal and aesthetic convictions of the faculty.

Comprised of Frank W. Applebee, Roy H. Staples, Alfred E. James and Francis W. Lincoln, the Auburn faculty plans to base future teaching on the workshop methods developed by Ralph M. Pearson, who last month conducted a series of lectures at the Alabama institution. Pearson is director of the Design Workshop at Nyack, N. Y.

The Rosenberg Scholarships

The San Francisco Art Association announces that, until June 15, it will consider applications for the first Abraham Rosenberg Traveling Scholarship. Artists between 25 and 35, who have been registered in the California School of Fine Arts for at least two semesters, are eligible.

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Back to the Bottega

Queens College (New York) has inaugurated an effective plan whereby talented students in art subjects will be assigned to the studios of nationally-known artists to serve an apprenticeship. Artists engaged in the plan assume tutorial status and the student is given regular college credit for work completed. Dr. Josef V. Lombardo, chairman of the Queens art department, announces that the first student to be accorded the apprentice honor is Miss Helen Benz, who will study sculpture in the studio of Attilio Piccirilli.

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with his Asbestos Mine; Abram Poole took the \$750 Altman figure award with Young Dancer; Hobart Nichols' Winter Pattern won the \$350 Carnegie Prize, and Ivan G. Olinsky's Roscoe and Linnea won the \$300 Adolph and Clara Obrig prize.

The \$300 sculpture memorial award went to Wheeler Williams for his Black Panther; the \$200 Helen Foster Barnett prize to Robert C. Koepnick for Lysistrata; the \$600 Palmer memorial prize went to Andrew Winter for Wreck at Lobster Cove; the Julius Hallgarten prize of \$175 to Verona Burkhard for Kinzer's Place; the \$125 Hallgarten to Nicholas Comito for Fig Leaves and Fruit; and the \$100 Hallgarten to Soss Melik for His Library.

Hugo Ballin won the Thomas B. Clarke prize of \$150 for his Deposition; Archimedes Giacomantonio took the Maynard \$25 sculpture prize for his terra cotta Grandma; Charles S. Chapman won the Saltus Medal of Merit for Escape; Kenneth K. Forbes won the Thomas R. Proctor portrait prize of \$175 for My Wife and Velasquez; Herbert Morton Stoops took the Isador Medal with Anno Domini 1940; and Anthony de Francisci won the Elizabeth N. Watrous Gold Medal with his The Pot of Basil. Following its custom, THE ART DIGEST reproduces in this issue all the prize winning exhibits. (pages 5, 6 & 7).

These prize awards represent a cash dispersal of \$4,000. The sixteen winners were selected out of a field of 321 paintings and sculptures by a jury of awards comprising eight academicians. The huge jury of selection (nearly 30 members) assembled the show from 1,600 submissions. Approximately twothirds of the work accepted is by non-members of the Academy.

There were both agreements and disagreements among the critics regarding individual paintings. Jerome Klein found only two worth mentioning as "solidly conservative works"— John Steuart Curry's Wisconsin Landscape, and Eugene Higgins' Victims. The rest of the show, in Klein's opinion, is "not just conservative, but flimsy."

Emily Genauer was severe in her World Telegram review expressing disappointment at the "heavy preponderance of completely uninspired routine pictures painted by people who are able technicians but utterly devoid of imagination or courage." As a few exceptions she noted the work by Curry, Maurice Sterne, Antonio Mattei, Von Neumann, Herbert Stoops, Frank London, Giovanni and Antonio Martino, Sidney Laufman and Francis

After noting the large number of paintings adorned with wreaths—the Academy's me-morial to the departed—and after saluting the memory of their creators, Royal Cortissoz examined the exhibition from the point of view of "what is being done with the subject picture." The most ambitious, the critic noted, is Hugo Ballin's Deposition, a work for which he had some criticism, but for which he also praised the artist for the courage to tackle such a tremendous theme.

Cortissoz liked the realism in John Costigan's Group of Bathers, Herbert Stoop's Anno Domini, 1940, Eugene Higgins' The Victims,

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Cortissoz was fairly rhapsodic about the nation's landscape school. "They have, along with their veracity and technical proficiency, the virtue of the personal point of view." Edward Dufner, Frederick Ballard Williams, Henry Waltman, Daniel Garber and Mary Fairchild Low are "outstanding performers' here. Also, Cortissoz was "happily arrested by the largeness of feeling" in Curry's Wisconsin Landscape, "a largeness transcending even the generous scale of the canvas." He liked, too, the exhibits of Albert Groll, Herbert Meyers, Hobart Nichols, Sidney Laufman, George Elmer Browne, John F. Carlsen, Chauncey Ryder, Nina W. Scull, Elwood Fordham, John Folinsbee, Kenneth Greene, Jay Connaway, and others.

Probably the pictures that will be most talked about in the show are Ballin's Deposition and Sidney Dickinson's Nude, both of which are exceedingly ambitious in size and theme. The consensus on the Dickinson painting, a Venetian-style figure study, was that it did not come off. Neither McBride of the Sun nor Cortissoz could praise its results.

There are few newcomers or new names in this year's stringent annual, yet they stand out in several cases, in particular, the works of Frank D. Duncan, Jr., Jane White, Maurice Kallis and Angelo Gepponi. The print section is excellent, as it has been for the past several years. The print jury, headed by one of the most unprejudiced men in the history of American art-John Taylor Arms-has selected a show that embraces all styles and manners, and is on such a uniformly high plane in every way that each of the critics paid tribute to its achievement.

But the news of the Academy this year is its lack of news. Many observers see this annual as marking a milestone, or another swing of the pendulum, and they perceive the signal that the Academy intends to ride again on behalf of its ancient appointed mission: the protection of professional, academic standards.

"The Academy reports on the state of the academy," concludes Edward Alden Jewell in the Times, remarking about the changed orientation. "Is not that," he asks, "just what it should do?"

Fontainebleau Alumni Show

The annual members exhibition of the Fontainebleau School Alumni Association just closed at the National Arts Club, New York. Awards in painting went to G. Moira Flanagan and Mary Louise Sisson, while sculpture honors were taken by Theodore W. Lamb and B. J. Harrison, Jr. Accorded honorable mentions were Robert Jackson, painter, and Paul MacAllister, sculptor.

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Institute of Art Apr. 10-May 21:
5th Annual of Artists of Capitol
Region; Prints, Cyrus L. Baidridge.
ASBURY PARK, N. J.
Soc. of Fine Arts (Berkeley-Carteret) To Apr. 14: Flower Paintings.
AUBURN, N. Y.
Cayuga Museum Apr.: Paintings, J. Connovay.
BALTIMORE, MD.
Museum of Art To Apr. 22: 8th
Annual of Maryland Artists.
Walters Art Gallery To May 7: Walters Art Gallery To May 7: Egyptian Sculpture. BIRMINGHAM, ALA. Public Library Apr.: Birmingham Art Club. BOSTON, MASS. DOSTON, MASS. DOIL & Richards Apr. 8-20: Water-colors, Gertrude B. Bowne. Horne Galleries To Apr. 13: Paint-ings by Sum Charles and Patrick Worgan. Morgan. Guild of Boston Artists Apr. 8-20: Paintings, Marguerite S. Pearson. Institute of Modern Art To May 3: Rouault. Tose Galleries To Apr. 6: Frank Vining Smith; Apr. 8-27: Henry Roualt.

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Vining Smith; Apr. 8-27: Henry
G. Keller.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.
Brooklyn Museum Apr. 6-28:
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Brooklyn Artists.
BUFFALO, N. Y.
Albright Art Gallery Apr.: Buffalo
Print Club.
CHARLESTON, ILL.
State Teachers College To Apr. 8:
Aqua-Chromatic Watercolors.
CHICAGO, ILL.
Art Institute Apr.: Italian Baroque
Prints.
Chicago Galleries Assn. Apr.: Chicago Painters and Sculptors.
Findlay Galleries Apr.: Paintings,
Herman Dudley Murphy.
Katharine Kuh Galleries Apr.: Robert J. Wolf.
CINCINNATI, O.
Art Museum To Apr. 14: Daumier
and Gavarni.
CLAREMONT, CAL.
Pomona College To Apr. 25: Watercolors, Phil Dike.
CLEARWATER, FLA.
Art Museum To Apr. 22: Art in
Public Schools.
CLEVELAND. O.
Museum of Art Apr.: New Year's
Show of Paintings. CLEVELAND, O.
Museum of Art Apr.: New Year's
Show of Paintings.
COLUMBUS, O.
Gallery of Fine Arts Apr.: Regional and Industrial Art.
DALLAS, TEX.
Museum of Fine Arts Apr. 7-May 4:
Annual Dallas Allied Arts.
DAVENPORT, IA.
Municipal Art Gallery To Apr. 30:
Artists along the Mississippi.
DAYTON, O.
Art Institute Apr.: Paintings, Geo,
Elmer Browne. Art Institute Apr.: Paintings, Geo. Elmer Browne.
DES MOINES, IA.
Assn. of Fine Arts Apr. 5-26: MidWest Exhibition.
DETROIT, MICH.
Artists Market To Apr. 6: Annual
Craftsmen's Show.
Institute of Arts To Apr. 28: 12
Contemporary Americans.
FORT WORTH, TEX.
Museum of Art Apr.: Local Artists Show.
GREENWICH. CONN.
All Arts Studio Apr. 7-21: AquaChromatic Watercolors.
HAGERSTOWN. MD.
Washington County Museum To
Apr. 22: Drawings, Contemporary
American Sculptors.
HARTFORD, CONN.
Wadsworth Athenseum To Apr. 14: LAWRENCE, KANS.
Thayer Museum Apr.: Oils, Watercolors, Albert Block.
LOS ANGELES, CAL.
Foundation of Western Art Apr.:
71h Annual of California Art.
Museum of Art Apr.: Alexander
Brook: George Bellows Prints.
Municipal Art Commission Apr.:
Painters and Sculptors Club, L. A.
LOUISVILLE, KY.
Speed Memorial Museum To Apr.
14: Modern French Paintings.
MANCHESTER, N. H.
Currier Gallery Apr.: Oils, Gifford
Beals: Lithographs, Ella F. Lillie.
MASSILLON. O.
Massillon Museum To Apr. 25:
Works of William Zorach.
MEMPHIS, TENN.
Brooks Memorial Gallery To Apr.
38: Prints by Higgins, Sterner,
Wright, Grant, Bellows and BrockAurst.
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MILLS College To May 5: Design from the Bauhaus.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Art Institute Apr.: 27th Annual, Wisc. Painters and Sculptors.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
Institute of Arts To Apr. 25: Etchings, Frank Benson.

MONTCLAIR, N. J.

Museum of Art To Apr. 18: Architectural Exhibition.

NEWARK, N. J. sectural Exhibition.

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Newark Museum Apr.: American Paintings and Sculpture.

Rabin-Krueger Gallery To Apr. 15: Watercolors, Hida Feldman.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Public Library To Apr. 9: Paintings, Etchel Schiffer; Apr. 16-19: Watercolors, Frank J. Rutkoski.

Yale University Apr.: Paintings, Childe Hassam.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Delgado Museum of Art Apr. 7-30: Southern States Art League. Southern States Art League.

NEW YORK, N. Y.
A. C. A. Gallery (52W8) To Apr.
13: Paintings, Philip Evergood.
Academy of Allied Arts (349W86)
To Apr. 8: Paintings, L. Sherker,
American Artists Congress (785
Fifth) Apr. 5-28: "Art in a Democracu". Fifth) Apr. 5-28: "Art in a Democracy"

American Fine Arts So. (215W57)

To Apr. 14: 114th Annual, National Academy of Design.

An American Place (509 Madison)
Apr. Paintings, Arthur G. Dove.
Arden Galleries (460 Park) Apr.
5-17: Portraits, Vittorio Borriello.
Argent Galleries (42W57) To Apr.
6: Paintings, John F. Hawkins.
Artists Gallery (33W8) Apr.: Paintings, Marice Becker.
Associated American Artists (711
Fifth) Apr. 1-13: Paintings, Wallace H. Smith and Andrew Butler.
Babcock Galleries (38E57) Apr.
Paintings, American Artists.
Barbizon-Plaza Gallery (101W58)
Apr. 1-19: Sculpture, Suzanne Silvercuys.
Bignou Gallery (32E57) Apr. 1-96. Apr. 1-13: Scuipture, Ossume overcups.

Bignou Gallery (32E57) Apr. 1-26:
Paintings & Watercolors, Céganne.
Bonestell Gallery (106E57) To Apr.
13: Paintings, Arnold Friedmans.
Boyer Galleries (69E57) To Apr.
13: Paintings, David Burliuk.
Buchhols Gallery (32E57) Apr. 227: Landmarks in Modern German
Art. 27: Landmarks in Modern German
Art.
Carstairs Gallery (11E57) Apr.:
Modern French Paintings.
Clay Club Gallery (4W8) Apr.;
"Facts and Figures" Sculpture.
Columbia University (Bway at 115)
To Apr. 18: West African Masks
and Wood Engravings.
Contemporary Arts (38W57) To
Apr. 6: Paintings, Karl Biasinger.
Downtown Gallery (113W13) To
Apr. 13: Lithographs, Kwniyoshi,
Durand-Ruel Galleries (12E57) To
Apr. 13: Four Great Impressionists. lists.
Durlacher Bros. (11E57) To Apr.
6: Paintings, Nicolas Pousain.
Eggleston Galleries (161W57) Apr.
1-14: Watercolors, Syd Broune
and Sandra James.
Ferargii Galleries (63E57) To Apr.
14: Theodore Van Soelen.
Fitteen Gallery (37W57) To Apr.
13: Paintings, J. M. Lichtenauer.

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French Art Galleries (51E57) Apr.:
Modern French Paintings.
Galerie St. Etienne (46W57) Apr.
3-27: Paintings, W. Thoeny.
Grand Central Art Galleries (15 Vanderbilt) Apr.: Color Prints by American Artists.
Harlow Galleries (620 Fifth) To April 15: Etchings by Marguerite Kirmse.
Harriman Gallery (63E57) Apr. 8-May \$: Flower Paintings, French and American Paintiers.
Kennedy & Co. (785 Fifth) Apr.: Selected Prints by Contemporary Americans. Selected Prints by Contemporary Americans. Kleemann Galleries (38E57) Apr.: Watercolors, Berend. Knosdler & Co. (14E57) To Apr. 6: Portraits of Italian Renaissance. Kraushaar Galleries (730 Flith) To Apr. 10: Paintings, Maurice Prendergast. John Lawy Galleries (11E57) Apr.: Prendergast.

Barbison School and 18th Century English Paintings.

Julien Levy Gallery (15E57) Apr.:

2-16: Paintings, Robert T. Franvis.
Lilienfeld Galleries (21E57) Apr.
1-15: Paintings by Jean Watson.
Little Gallery (Barbizon Hotel,
Lex. at 63) Apr.: Paintings, Ernest Townsend. Lex. at 63) Apr.: Paintings, Ern-est Townsend.

Macbeth Galleries (11E57) Apr. 2-29: Paintings and Drawings, Jon Corbino. s-sy: Paintings and Drawings, Jon Corbino.

Macy Galleries (34 and B'way) To Apr. 13: Paintings, Ward Mount.

Matisse Gallery (61E57) To Apr. 6: Early Paintings, Joan Miro. Mayer Gallery (41E57) To Apr. 13: Theatre Arts. M. A. McDonald (665 Fifth) To Apr. 15: Canaletto, Original Etch-ings. Metropolitan Museum (5th at 82)

Apr.: Historical Exhibition of Metropolitan Museum (5th at 82)
Apr.: Historical Exhibition of
Woodcuts.
Midtown Galleries (605 Madison)
To Apr. 6: Oils and Watercolors,
Bernadine Custer.
Milch Galleries (108W57) To Apr.
6: Paintings, Daniel Serra.
Morgan Gallery (37W57) Apr. 13: Watercolors, Eyvind Earle.
Morton Galleries (130W57) Apr. 13: Watercolors, Eyvind Earle.
Morton Galleries (130W57) Apr. 8-27: Oils, Watercolors, Gordon House.
Museum of Modern Art (11W53)
Apr. 3-30: Work of Sharaku.
Neumann-Willard Gallery (543
Maddison) To Apr. 15: D. Smith.
Newhouse Galleries (15E57) To
Apr. 13: Watercolors, Oils, Milan
V. Petrovic.
N. Y. Historical Society (Central
Park W. & 76) Apr.: Press in
America.
Nierendoorf Gallery (18E57) Apr.:
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Nierendorf Gallery (18E57) Apr.: 20th Century Paintings.
James St. L. O'Toole (33E51) Apr. 4-27: Paintings, Alfonso Be-James St. L. O'Toofe (33E51)
Apr. 4-27: Paintings, Aifonso Benevides.
Passedoit Gallery (121E57) To
Apr. 6: Paintings, Helion.
Perls Gallery (32E58) Apr. 6-May
3: Marc Chagall.
Public Library (Fifth & 42) Apr.:
Edy Leprand.
Rehn Gallery (883 Fifth) Apr. 120: Pastels, Peggy Bacon; Watercolors, Marcia S. Hite.
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Apr. 2-20: Paintings, Emy Herzfeld.
Riverside Museum (310 Riverside) Riverside Museum (310 Riverside) To Apr. 28: Pacific Coast States Riverside Museum (310 Riverside)
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Watercolors.
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Apr.: Old Master Drawings.
Schaeffer Gallery (61E57) Apr.:
Old Master Paintings.
Schneider-Gabriel Galleries (71E57)
Apr. 2-7: Paintings, Grigory
Gluckmann.
Schoenemann Galleries (605 Madison) Apr.: Paintings, Max Liebermann. son) Apr.: Paintings, Max Liebermann.
Schulthels Galleries (15 Maiden Lane) Apr.: Fine Paintings.
Seligmann Gallery (3E51) Apr.: Clarence H. Mackay Collection.
E. & A. Silberman (32E57) Apr.. Old Master Paintings.
Sterner Galleries (9E57) To Apr. 15: Sculpture by Eaton Davis; Apr.: Flowers and Still Life by Lintott.
Studio Guild (730 Fifth) Apr.. 8-20: Paintings, Elisabeth S. Pratt; Sculpture. Georgia M. Whitman.
Untown Gallery (249 West End) To Apr. 5: Paintings, Art Teachers Assn. of High Schools of N. Y. C. Valentine Gallery (16E57) Apr.: "Three Spanish Painters," Miro. Gris and Picasso.
Vendome Art Galleries (59W56) Apr. 1-20: Paintings, Tamotzu.
Wakefield Gallery (64E56) Apr. 3-24: Paintings, Giford Cochran.
Walker Galleries (108E57) Apr. 1-27: Selections 1820-1920, Paint-

ings, Peale, Homer, Couture, Carlsen, Bellows,
Hudson D. Walker Gallery (38E57)
Apr. 1-13: Joseph de Martini.
Weyhe Gallery (794 Lex.) Apr. 827: Sculpture, Anita Weschler.
Whitney Museum (10W8) Apr. 3May 2: Festival of the National
Sculpture Society.
Wildenstein & Co. (19E64) To Apr.
6: Paintings, Vlaminck.
Yamanaka & Co. (680 Fitth) Apr.
1-27: Japanese Color Prints; Chinese Bronzes.
Howard Young Gallery (1E57)
Apr.: Italian Landscapes. OSKOSH, WS.

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Public Museum Apr.: Bird Paintings, O. J. Gromme.
PARKERSBURG, W. VA.
Fine Art Center Apr. 1-14: Lithographs, Kollwitz, Daumier and Gavarni. grapha, Koltvitz, Daumer and Gavarni.
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
Art Alliance To Apr. 12: Oils,
Florence Bouman Adams and Elda H. Craumer.
Philadelphia Museum Apr.: Arts
of Persia, India, China and Japan.
Temple University To Apr. 12:
Sculpture, Stella Elkins Tyler.
PITTSBURGH, PA.
Carnegie Institute To Apr. 14;
"Masterpieces of Art."
PITTSFIELD, MASS.
Berkshire Museum Apr. 1-30: Modern Americans.
PORTLAND, ME.
Sweat Memorial Museum Apr.:
English Portraits from Tarkington Collection. English Portraits from Tarkingtion Collection.
PORTLAND, ORE.
Art Museum To Apr. 22: Prints,
Georges Rouauit.
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
Art Club To Apr. 14: Paintings,
Ralph U. Scott.
R. I. School of Design Apr.: Contemporary Rhode Island Art.
PUEBLO, COLO.
Pueblo Junior College To Apr. 14:
Grumbacher Miniature Palettes.
RICHMOND, VA.
Museum of Fine Arts To Apr. 21:
2nd Biennial of Contemporary
American Painting.
RIDGEWOOD, N. J.
Pease Memorial Library Apr. 8-27:
Grumbacher Miniature Palettes.
ROCHESTER, N. Y.
Memorial Art Gallery Apr. 5-May 5:
Pederal Arts Paintings.
ST. LOUIS, MO.
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France's Art Drama

SPREADING OUT from the banks of the Seine are the slopes and hills on which Paris rests, serene and gracious, alive and vital, the undisputed capital of Western culture for almost a century. Adding vivid color to the banner of Paris' leadership is the French painting that arose during the last century to inject life and vitality into the cold, lifeless body that art, under the pall of a rigid academic classicism, had become. It was not as much an upheaval as it was a gradual infiltration, widening out in concentric circles, at the hub of each of which was a pioneer of dramatic individuality.

These individuals—actors in a quietly revolutionary drama—comprise the inner structure of a new and important book, Modern French Painters by R. H. Wilenski (Reynal & Hitchcock, \$6). Wilenski, a skilled and trained critic, analyzes these progressive spirits, correlates their efforts, traces their influences and throws a searching light on them as they march across his stage. Behind them he paints in the background of their changing times, creating a setting that intensifies the meaning of their sometimes-independent, sometimes-related art.

Manet, Degas, Cézanne, Renoir, Gauguin and Seurat, original artists all, played leading rôles in the drama that Wilenski records, and he introduces them in his Prologue, which picks up the story's thread in 1863, the date of the first Salon of the Independents, and

carries them to 1883, the year of Manet's death. Classified as "original" artists or trail blazers, as opposed to what Wilenski terms "hack practitioners," these men emerged in suroundings that, like most environments, resented new techniques and standards. Manet's Dejeuner sur l'herbe, as an example, was castigated by critics and by established artists as "an affront to decency;" but, establishing itself as a prototype of the climb to esteem of Manet and his followers, the canvas won acceptance and reached the climax of enshrinement in the Louvre as a national treasure.

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This rise was drama, and Wilenski appropriately based his book on a dramatic plan, following the careers of his leading actors and their supporting casts through three acts which carry them in strict chronological order from 1884 to 1914, through an Interlude (the war years, 1914-18) and finishes with Act IV, which begins in 1919 and traces the innovating Frenchmen down to 1938. It is a play in which the scene changes, the actors replacing each other like a rotating cast. But, unlike

actors in conventional drama, they are themselves the creators, their lives and accomplishments constituting the play and supplanting the playwright.

Each section, or act, of the volume begins with background material which acts as a stage set, silhouetting the main figures against their environments. Weaving in and out is the pattern of the plays, ballets, exhibitions, political events and rendezvous haunts which stimulated the artists or gave direction to their careers. Their contacts with each other and with novelists, musicians and theatrical figures are emphasized to heighten the integration of the central figures and to make more meaningful the texture they were lending to the art fabric of their times.

As the years progress, the Douanier Rousseau, Toulouse-Lautrec, Matisse, Modigliani and Picasso make their entrances and add impetus to the new direction. With the turmoil and chaos of war came Dadaism, an art matching every absurdity and nihilistic trend inherent in the upheaval of World War I. And then the post-war period, an era of isms-Purism, Functionalism, Associationism, Surrealism, New-Surrealism, to name a few. Momentum in those days of the recent past was maintained by Ozenfant, Jeanneret, Chirico, Chagall, Matisse, Dufy, Rouault, Braque, Bombois, Bauchant, Vivin and Picasso, men who replaced the original pioneers, most of whom, by this time, having left their indelible mark, had passed on.

Wilenski's favored 1930's fall in Act IV, an act which, dealing with the immediate past, seems as complicated as Acts I, II and III might have, had they been written before the passage of decades had sifted out much of the irrelevant, the short-lived and the tangential. Aided by time, they come into sharper focus, with the larger, more significant movements more clearly discernible.

The book, however, is a masterful tract, soundly written, superbly organized. Wilenski's pages bring order to material that might easily be chaotic. Without stressing anecdote and colorful personalities, he dramatizes his trail blazers' struggle against the culturally resistant forest which was their stage. His drama of modern French painting is, in every sense, one of the most stimulating that has ever appeared on this intrinsically vital period of art and civic history.

-FRANK CASPERS

Chouinard Presents Gramatky

Hardie Gramatky, who is represented in the Riverside Museum's current Pacific States watercolor show, is holding a one-man exhibition of his work at the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles. The Gramatky exhibition, on view through April 13, includes, besides watercolors seen previously in New York displays, landscapes and industrial scenes painted for Fortune magazine, and tug boat scenes of the New York waterfront, reproduced in the artist's recent book, Little Toot.

Macgill James Appointed

Macgill James has been named assistant director of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C. He will assume his new duties next October, when the Gallery opens.



Advertising Art

A GAUGE to popular taste in art is the 18th Annual of Advertising Art. Published by Longmans Green (\$5), it reflects the best art work used during the preceding year by America's advertisers, and reflects, too, the type of realistic art to which the public most readily responds. Governed by surveys which measure reader-response, the nation's art directors specify figures and designs marked by academically sound draughtsmanship, dramatic composition and perfection of technique.

The volume, besides containing reproductions of the top exhibits at the annual Art Directors Exhibition, is sharpened in value by several articles written by important figures in the field of commercial art. These make the book, like its predecessors, a valuable record of the work being done by a large section of practicing American artists—men who are obliged to meet rigid specifications and appeal satisfactorily to a large and critical audience, even though much of their work is done under the pressure of deadlines.

For art students preparing for careers in this branch of the art field, the volume is a tested text that points the direction their efforts might well take.

-FRANK CASPERS

Probably a Swell Book, Too

The Boston Transcript recently ran a two-column review of a book about a famous clown, named Debureau, accompanying it with a reproduction of a striking painting of a white clown. With the characteristic unbalance of so many book review editors, who think of books as great art but pictures as only pictures, the editor blandly captioned the painting with a sentence explaining that the new book is "a fascinating account of the career of a clown," mentioning not anywhere, in caption or review, who painted the picture—which is The White Clown, by Walt Kuhn.

Does said editor think that writing a book about a clown is any greater work than painting one? And does he think that author, publisher, and reviewer all deserve identification while some handy picture in the files deserves only anonymity? Well, just for that, Transcript, we won't mention the name of the book, the author, the publisher or the reviewer, and we hope that anyone wishing to read it will have a little trouble finding it.

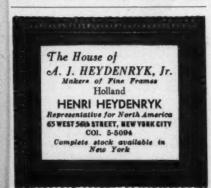
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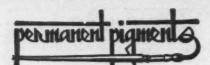
Though a woman, Jean Watson, whose canvases are on exhibition until April 13 at the Lilienfeld Galleries in New York, sees the world with a masculine directness and force. Her canvases—figure compositions, still lifes and landscapes—are all tightly integrated and built up with uncompromisingly strong color. Woman Sitting at Table is in this vein, as are also Cape Ann Quarry and Quarry Pool.

The two latter canvases, seen respectively at last year's San Francisco and New York fairs, are weighted with the granite hardness of the rock cliffs portrayed. In the last named, the glinting, adamantine hardness of the surrounding rocks, is accentuated by the limpid quality of the pool's surface.

Emy Herzfeld Returns

After a four year's absence from New York exhibition galleries, Emy Herzfeld is back as a one-man exhibitor, this time at the Reinhardt Galleries. Her show, made up of canvases depicting scenes and people of New England, Guadeloupe and Spain, is on view until April 20.





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Honolulu Art Academy

A brilliant formal reception and preview opened the Twelfth Annual Exhibition of the Association of Honolulu Artists on Thursday evening, March 7. More than 500 people passed the receiving line, which was headed by Edgar Craig Schenck, Director of the Museum, and Mrs. Madge Tennant, president of the Association. Leis of white gardenias were worn by the four women receiving.

Paintings and sculpture of a high order of excellence had been selected and hung by members of the Association's Executive Board—Madge Tennant, Arthur Emerson, Shirley Russell, Hon Chew Hee, Elsie Das, Emerson Anderlin and Kenneth K. Higachimachi.

The Grand Prizes are awarded in a unique way; each exhibiting artist is requested to vote for his own contribution and for two others. The Annual Purchase Prize offered by the Honolulu Art Society is chosen by a jury of their own members, composed of Lady Dawson Johnston, Mrs. Stafford Austin, Mrs. J. Russell Cades and Mr. George Moody. Each year a painting or a piece of sculpture is purchased in this way and given to the Lending Collection in the Educational Department, for showing in the public schools.

Here, more than in any of the United States Territories, art is considered as necessary to school children as any other fundamental study. Another unusual feature of the exhibition is the offering of seven prizes, either of cash or goods, by various commercial houses in Honolulu. The Fukuo Kunai Memorial Prize and the Jon and Eleanor Freitas Prize is to be awarded by Mrs. J. Barber, Jr., Mrs. Frances X. Williams and Mrs. John Hollingsworth.

The Museum was given to the City of Honolulu by Mrs. Cooke and is endowed by the family. The Honolulu Art Society has 1,200 members. The Museum is a beautiful building, planned around a series of courts full of tropical flowers and trees, where sculpture is displayed. The Academy owns many treasures in its Chinese collection, in the permanent collection and in the art library. The calendar is a full one, including lectures on arts and crafts and various courses in pottery making, sculpture, wood carving, interior decoration and weaving. The president of the Academy, Mr. C. M. Cooke, Jr., gives the President's Prize each year for the best painting in the Exhibition.

Madge Tennant's work is internationally known. Her principal theme is the Hawaiian woman. Grossman Moody has been holding a splendid exhibition of her work for the past month. One interesting painting is of Queen Kaahumaiu; she is shown sitting with folded arms, cards laid out at her feet and an open Bible nearby. The story is that she was very fond of card-playing and gambling, but the missionaries made her give it all up, and in three days she learned to read the Bible. All the paintings in this exhibition are of Hawaii's past history. Perhaps the best piece is Woman in Black Holoku.

Madge Tennant seems to be a faithful follower of Renoir. She paints with a three-dimensional effect, and her work is so rounded it is almost sculpturesque. The figures are

swirling and tremendous. She uses pure color, unmixed, on her enormous canvases, no black or white, and chiefly the three primary colors. Her use of color perspective is excellent, and she draws in a direct, powerful manner.

Mrs. Tennant is interested in the American Artists Professional League, and together with Mr. Eskridge, Mrs. Blasinghame, Miss Shurtleff, Miss Fraser, and many others, will assist Mr. Jon Freitas to make a very fine Chapter of the League here in Hawaii.

Notebook of an Unarrived Artist is the title of a book by Mrs. Tennant, published in 1938 by the Paradise of the Pacific Press. It is interestingly written in note book style, and is "an attempt to bridge the hiatus between the working artist and a would-be aware public."

Iowa

Miss Louise Orwig writes from Des Moines that with the splendid co-operation of the well organized Art Committee of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, American Art Week in Iowa was outstanding in its many forms of celebration. Mrs. Louis Anderson, Art Chairman of the Iowa Federation, received encouraging reports from all over the state. Mrs. Louis Pelzer presented the awards from the National Executive Committee, where most needed and appreciated. In Des Moines, a special exhibit of paintings by Des Moines artists was held in the gallery of the Public Library, under the sponsorship of the Art Students Work Shop and the Index of American Design, with Mrs. F. B. Mathews and Mr. Harry Jones directing. The Association of Art Education and Younker Brothers sponsored a very fine exhibit of paintings, and crafts, and flower arrangement, with Miss E. Hayden and Mrs. Gladys Davis, directing. Mrs. Anderson feels much encouraged, and is doing splendid work with Miss Orwig and Mrs. Louis Pelzer.

The Committee is continuing a series of art activities, exhibits, lectures emphasizing all phases of art. At the Spring Council Meeting there is a fine program for art under Mrs. Henry Taylor, Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts. The theme is Progress of Human Needs through the Fine Arts, with a fine arts symposium, Dr. Earl E. Harper, discussion leader. Grant Wood will speak.

Mrs. Louis Pelzer writes that she is planning to organize Iowa's artists as a Chapter of the American Artists Professional League. She is also working on a new plan to build up a special Art Week Circulating Exhibit for schools, organizations, clubs, art groups, etc.—Florence Topping Green.

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Comments from State Chairmen

From the Institute of Fine Arts of the University of Michigan, Dr. Avard Fairbanks, State Chairman of the Michigan Chapter of the League, writes:

"Concerning the artists of Michigan. For a little while there has been an inner turmoil going on in the field of the arts. . . . I have felt it not wise to get the wrong people in, which would link us with foreign influences and the leftist wing in the arts. As I understand the A. A. P. L., its personnel and ideals are for American artists and our advancement as a distinctive school, which should grow sturdily from within rather than being vines which grow up from the stumps of decaying pithy growths.

"During the past month I have been talk-ing with Mrs. Greason who is the Chairman of the Art Section of the Federated Women's Clubs of Michigan and who has recently been elected to the board of the A. A. P. L. We have already been planning to enlarge the activities of our organization in Michigan and have, I believe, the right class of members whom we wish to invite. We are planning exhibitions and will be more active in the fu-

In a letter of later date Dr. Fairbanks says: "I think the time is now just right to organize the better artists of this state into a campaign for recognizing men of merit, and the holding of exhibits wherein such men are given an opportunity to show their capabilities in contrast to the endeavor of a few self-appointed leaders who are incapable and who throw out the work of everybody but their own disciples. Before these last few years it would have been quite unwise to proceed towards the organization which I think now is needed. I am glad that Mrs. Greason, who is

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so enthusiastic, is taking an active part in it."

Dr. Fairbanks expresses the views of the majority of American artists. We all feel American art should spring from within and express the thoughts of the individual as he understands or interprets the cultural, social and other reactions of today, as well as the mathematical accuracy of the present-day streamlined age of machines and speed.

Still, I feel the necessity of studying and trying to understand the work of the presentday foreign artists. A great deal of the modernistic art that we see in museums and galleries expresses conscientiously the chaos that now exists on the other side of the Atlantic. I do not mean that the paintings are chaotic. I mean that people living their daily lives under the steady strain of war, are bound to show their feeling in their art.

To organize the true artists in the state and to recognize men of merit, and to hold exhibits, is the surest way to bring American art before the public. I feel certain that Dr. Fairbanks, and Mrs. Greason, Organization Director for the American Artists Professional League in Michigan, will succeed in

-NILS HOGNER.

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In connection with this, I am reviewing here a book illustrated by Grant Wood, titled: Farm on the Hill, story by Madeline Darrough Horn. (Four color illustrations; 78 pp. New York, Charles Scribner Sons, \$2.00; eight illustrations and jacket offset, photo engrav-

It is well to study closely the fine draughtsmanship and composition of Grant Wood's drawings. All are without exception carefully planned in regard to design, and are meticu-lously executed. Mr. Wood has gone in strongly for the sculpturesque in these pictures. He has stuck faithfully to interpretive realism.

The illustrations are carried out in warm colors, the background being deep orange, and they are balanced with neutral greys in the figures. His characters are alive and colorful.

The end papers are decorated with clever, tile-like animal and bird motifs. The pictures in Farm on the Hill will please adult and child alike, and will be an addition to any collector's library.

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Buffalo Print Club, Albright Art Gallery, Buffalo, N. Y.

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for they have undoubtedly a real power. In nearly every painting the artist puts a strongly shaded solid, generally of gun-metal color, in a field of flat patterns of subtle color.

The other abstract show of the month is that of Charles G. Shaw at the Museum of Non-Objective Painting. Shaw, who often exhibits with Albert Gallatin and George L. K. Morris, has developed his work since 1938 "from decorative patterns to non-objective rhythms and inventive beauty," according to the museum's announcement.

Here and There

Among the other shows coming up are John Whorf at Milch, opening on the 8th; Peggy Bacon at Rehn's from 1st to 20th; Max Liebermann at Schoenemann Gallery through the month; Marc Chagall at the Perls Gallery, April 6 to May 4.

Also, apropos of the interest in portraits, there is a show opening April 3 at the Arden Galleries by Vittorio Borriello whose self portrait is reproduced on page 19. This will be the Italian's first American showing and will include paintings of a number of fashionable sitters. Borriello went to Peru to execute two commissions a few years ago and before he left he had completed 24!

"Facts and Figures" is the title of a large sculpture show through April at the Clay Club, the facts being a display of the supplementary tools and apparatus-the artifactsof the sculptors. More of this show later.

Interiors and exteriors from France, Italy and this country are pictured in a group of 33 watercolors by Alison Mason Kingsbury at Ferargil's. Precise are her interiors; generously sweeping are her exteriors.

A show of recent work by Chuzo Tamotzu is on view until the 20th at the spacious new home of the Vendome Galleries. This artist, who came to New York in 1920 (he was born and educated in art in Japan, later in Europe), gets into his painting of The Litter, reproduced on page 18, some of that excellent organization which another well known Japanese-American achieves. These artists seem to be able to keep a picture right on the picture plane and yet give it real roundness. Critics' comment on this show will be reported next issue, as will comments on the exhibition by Arnold Friedman at the Bonestell Gallery which closes April 13. Friedman, a former Henri pupil, has just been admitted to the Metropolitan's Hearn Collection (see p. 15).

Eleanor Roosevelt turned critic in the World Telegram's "My Day" recently, when she visited the Robert Jackson show of Negro por-traits at the Morgan Gallery. "The thing that struck me," she wrote, "was that, for the first time, I looked at people who did not have the pathos of a sorrowful race mirrored in their eyes."

Van Soelen Landscapes

New Mexico and New England are the two widely separated and sharply contrasted sections of America that Theodore Van Soelen has painted in recent years, and sun-baked plains and snow-covered mountains strike the dominant notes in the artist's one-man show at New York's Ferargil Galleries, until April 13.

Symbolizing the old, tradition-rooted life of New England in much the mood of Messrs. Currier and Ives is The Old Maple. Color is clear and execution precise, as the aged tree, bent by the weight of a century, leans over a rickety picket fence.

Hunting Homers

FOR THE FIRST TIME a museum and a newspaper have joined forces in an attempt to corral artistic talent. The museum is the Modern and the newspaper is the evening P. M., which is scheduled to make its appearance in New York on June 1. Objects of the competition: to find artists who can report the news with brush or pen.

Ten thousand artists in New York City and vicinity have received announcements, and their entries, which must be returned by April 5, will compete for awards totalling \$1,750. John Sloan, Wallace Morgan, William Gropper, Holger Cahill and Ralph McA. Ingersoll, publisher of P. M., will judge the submissions, allot the awards and display the winning pictures from April 15 to May 7 in the seum of Modern Art.

The first award will be \$500, with 20 additional prizes of \$50 each. Besides these, a special prize of \$250 will be given the exhibit which receives the largest popular vote by visitors to the Modern's show. Jury awards

will be announced April 23.

Mr. Ingersoll, when interviewed, pointed out that 60 per cent of his newspaper will be devoted to pictures, most of which will probably be photographs. However, the publisher added, "if the story can better be reported on a sketch pad or drawing board than by lens and film, that's the way the story will be reported. This competition is one of the ways the paper will use to find the artists to do it.

In announcing the competition, Nelson A. Rockefeller, the Modern's president, recalled that the work of Winslow Homer, one of our greatest artists, first came prominently to public notice when he was pictorial reporter for

Harper's Weekly.

Any artist is eligible, but only those in the metropolitan area have received announce-ments at this time.

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